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To: District Managers: Medford, Spokane and Vale

From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection

Subject: Mining Law Program Review

A program review of the 3809 surface management and 3715 surface use aspects of the Mining Law Program has been scheduled for November 3 – 7, 2003, for the Baker Field Office with additional involvement of the Vale, Medford, and Spokane offices. The objectives of the review are to determine if:

1) appropriate management controls and oversights are in place;
2) the program is conducted in conformance with the 43 CFR 3809 regulations and appropriate policies;
3) work processes are in place to ensure that reclamation standards are developed and implemented consistently, the native species policy is implemented in 3809 notices, and plan mitigations and reclamation cost estimates are done correctly;
4) the level of guidance and customer service from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oregon State Office is adequate.

The four member review team has been selected and includes: Larry Steward, Review Team Leader, who is the Solid Minerals Program Lead for Nevada BLM, with considerable experience in 3809 policy interpretation; Paul McNutt, the BLM Washington Office Lead for 3809 Surface Management, based in the Nevada State Office; Glencora Lannen, Management Analyst with the Oregon State Office; and Jeff Garrett, Geologist with the BLM Phoenix Field Office, with field experience implementing the 3809 regulations.

In addition, acting as consultants to the team will be Ray Krauss, a private resource management consultant from Santa Rosa, California, with extensive experience in the mining industry as well as having been a part of the Academy of Sciences group that reviewed the 43 CFR 3809 regulations, and Randy Moore, a specialist in reclamation and mining regulations for the Oregon State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

The review team will use the Baker Field Office as headquarters to meet with personnel from the Baker and Vale field offices and to teleconference with personnel from the Medford and Spokane offices. Each District’s 3809 Program Lead will serve as the main point of contact for the review team. The kickoff session will take place in the BLM Baker Field Office on Monday, November 3, 2003, and the closeout will take place in the Vale District Office on Friday, November 7, 2003. Nancy Diaz, Chief of the Branch of Physical Sciences and Resource Data Management (OR-932), will teleconference with the group at these two sessions. The exact times and locations have yet to be
determined, and participants will be notified soon of the schedule.

The Baker Field Office 3809 Program Lead will be expected to coordinate the logistics in that office both before and during the evaluation. This includes reserving two conference rooms in the Baker Field Office, preparing a list of employees to be interviewed, coordinating and/or setting up interview schedules, ensuring case files are available, etc. The team will also need two phones with conferencing capability. For further information, please contact Glencora Lannen at (503)808-6434.

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