

Conversation Contents

Fwd: Kirkland Mining Company

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From: "Garrett, Verl" <jgarrett@blm.gov>
Sent: Wed May 06 2015 12:37:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: David Eddy <deddy@blm.gov>, David Hawes <rhawes@blm.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Kirkland Mining Company

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BCC: rhawes@blm.gov
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Dave:

If it is true that the proposed mine boundary is within feet of homes, you may want to talk with your management about approving this project. Projects like this can pose a headache for years to come. The Tucson Field Office, with my help, just turn down a project that was too close to a residential area.

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