

# Conversation Contents

## Potential Fugitive Dust from Proposed Skull Valley Area Mine

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**From:** "Hawes, David" <[rhawes@blm.gov](mailto:rhawes@blm.gov)>  
**Sent:** Sat May 16 2015 12:28:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Rowle P Simmons <[rowle.simmons@yavapai.us](mailto:rowle.simmons@yavapai.us)>, Barbara Fox-Thomas <[barbara.fox-thomas@yavapai.us](mailto:barbara.fox-thomas@yavapai.us)>  
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Date: Fri, May 15, 2015 at 8:48 PM  
Subject: Re: Kirklandmineforum.org is up  
To: Allison Dixon <[allison@jakesrun.com](mailto:allison@jakesrun.com)>

Allison: Good to see you last night at the meeting. Clearly there is a lot of interest in this Skull Valley area proposal. I have no specific information on the potential hazards from fugitive dust at the proposed Stockpile Removal site. Sometimes we have stipulations about controlling dust, watering, etc., but the BLM does not regulate air quality at mine sites, instead we require operators to obtain and comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local permits. In this case, the mine operator would have to obtain an air quality permit from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, which would regulate that aspect of the operation.

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To: "Hawes, David" <[rhawes@blm.gov](mailto:rhawes@blm.gov)> <[mplis@blm.gov](mailto:mplis@blm.gov)>

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Thank you, and best regards,

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[Barbara Fox-Thomas \(barbara.fox-thomas@yavapai.us\)](mailto:barbara.fox-thomas@yavapai.us)

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**To:** Rowle P Simmons <web.bos.district1@yavapai.us>  
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Supervisor Simmons, Ms. Fox-Thomas: Also looks like this message didn't go through to you.

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