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Mr. Boyd Astemborski
902 Collins Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Dear Mr. Astemborski:

We received your Plan of Operations submittal on July 21, 2009 for proposed gold placer and sand and gravel mining activities associated with placer claim CMC 245048 (Open #1), located in Township 9 South, Range 77 West, Section 33.

As this proposal is located adjacent to the City of Fairplay, a public meeting was held in the Fairplay area on September 22, 2009 as part of the analysis of the mine proposal to capture both the socioeconomic concerns as well as other environmental issues identified by the public. The public input resulting from this scoping effort assisted in forming the basis of analysis during the development of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Analysis.

The Environmental Analysis constitutes an in-depth review of this mining proposal and includes the results of independent assessments conducted for potential impacts to air quality, noise, cultural resources and socioeconomics, as well as interagency coordination between state and local specialists. The Draft Environmental Analysis document was provided to the public for review and comment during the period of September 29, 2011 through October 30, 2011. At the conclusion of this analysis and public review period, a finding of no significant impact was reached and the record of decision was signed on July 11, 2012. Subsequently, your Plan of Operations is being approved with the required implementation of the mitigation measures identified during the Environmental Analysis process. Regulations outlined in 43 CFR 3809.420 provide further details on performance standards that apply to your operations.

As stated in previous correspondence and discussions, you will need to contact the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) regarding their permitting

requirements as they apply to your mining operations proposal. In accordance with 43 CFR 3809.412, a financial guarantee must be posted prior to these operations being initiated. This process will be coordinated between BLM and CDRMS, as applicable.

Please contact Stephanie Carter at 719-269-8551 if you have questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith E. Berger', written in a cursive style.

Keith E. Berger
Field Manager
Royal Gorge Field Office

Enclosure(s)

- Fairplay – Destiny Placer Mine EA
- Fairplay – Destiny Placer Mine FONSI
- Fairplay – Destiny Placer Mine ROD

cc: Tom Kaldenbach, CDRMS