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Dear Mary Ann

On June 18, 2003 Tom Lloyd, District Geologist, Terry Nelson, Forest Biologist, Pete Hess UDOGM inspected the chimney subsidence area, Sinkhole # 23 in Boardinghouse Canyon. The objective of the inspection were to:

- determine if the reclamation objectives have been met,
- determine whether or not the site, as reclaimed, continues to pose a safety hazard,
- determine how winter snow pack had affected the reclamation,
- whether or not additional earthwork is needed to meet reclamation objectives and if work can be done with minimum resource damages?

It was concluded during the inspection that vegetation is becoming reestablished at an acceptable rate and the site does not currently pose a safety hazard or erosion problem. Even though the earth-moving portion of the site reclamation plan (reestablish the site to approximate original contour) has been only marginally achieved, additional work will not be necessary, at this time, as long as the site continues to stabilize.

The site must continue to be monitored on an annual basis until such time we are confident no further subsidence or erosion will occur and no safety problem arises.

The wire fencing and posts should be removed, as they are no longer needed.

Sincerely,

*Carol Ridinger*  
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District Ranger

cc: Carter Reed

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