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*See attached
mailing list.*

Subject: Invitation to Attend Phase III Bond Release Inspection for Reclaimed Areas, Castle Gate Mine, Plateau Mining Corporation, C/007/0004, Task ID #4153

Dear Mr. Bates:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has scheduled a bond release inspection on August 29, 2012 at the Castle Gate Mine operated by Plateau Mining Corporation. You are being invited based on your potential interest in the site.

Castle Gate Mine - Hardscrabble and Sowbelly Canyons Phase III Bond Release
57.44 Acres

The inspection will commence on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at 10:00 am and will meet at the pull off at Highway 6 Northbound (North of the Power Plant and South of Barn Canyon - 39.732191N, -110.870719W). The Phase III Bond Release Inspection should take approximately two to three hours. From Helper, travel north on Highway 6 approximately 4 miles to the pull off area. We will meet at the pull off and have some initial discussions there prior to proceeding to Hardscrabble and Sowbelly canyons.

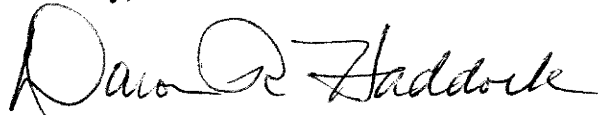
The Division received an application for Phase III Bond Release for a total of 57.44 acres. The reclamation work completed in Hardscrabble and Sowbelly canyons took place between the years 1984 and 1999. The vast majority of the reclamation work in Hardscrabble canyon began in 1984 with the reclamation of the Goose Island refuse pile followed by reclamation of the No. 3 and No. 4 mine areas between 1993 and 1999. The road through the former disturbed area is to be left in place for the post mining land use, which is Wildlife and Grazing. A 0.72-acre area within Hardscrabble Canyon that was the location of a former substation is not included in this Phase III Bond Release application.

The reclamation work conducted in Sowbelly Gulch consists of 21 acres and began in 1992 through 1995. All 19.16 acres in Sowbelly Canyon with the exception of 1.84 acres associated with the substation is part of this Phase III bond Release application.



All relevant features at the sites should be fairly accessible from the road with minimal amounts of hiking required. Please bring water, snacks, hat, sunscreen, rain gear, jacket and hiking boots. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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