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TaskID: 4810
Mine Name: SKYLINE MINE
Title: RAPTOR MONITORING

Operation Plan

Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement Plan

Analysis:

Pursuant to R645-301-332; Skyline MRP Volume 3, Part 4.18.2, Terrestrial Wildlife Resources, the permittee has committed to monitor to presence of threatened, endangered, candidate, and species of concern. The species of concern identified for the permit area is the Northern Goshawk, which is identified in 2.1.2 of the MRP as a candidate for T&E listing and has been identified as a resident adjacent to the permit area.

The modification cleans up the language to clarify timing of raptor surveys (2 consecutive years to ensure habitat is surveyed prior to undermining) and also to update the current preferred protocol, which is the "Northern Goshawk Inventory and Monitoring Tech Guide". Coordination with DWR has been removed from the text because years ago, DWR actually did some of the monitoring although they are no longer involved. Currently, the USFS conducts adjacent USFS surveys and therefore they are the appropriate agency to coordinate with. DOGM will continue to coordinate with DWR as needed.

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