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2 other company has given, and that is the weather condi-
3 tions. The ground is still very unstable on the
4 mountainside at Plateau. Oh, I would also like to thank you for the
5 promptness with which Mr. Daniels and Mr. Thompson
6 visited and inspected our property. We appreciate
7 that, to both of them, to see the mine portals and
8 also to see MR. FEIGHT: Could you give the elevation

9 of your facility, too? MR. FEIGHT: It goes to this part here.

11 MR. BAILEY: The elevation of the mine
12 portals is about 8,500 feet, and where the road would
13 start, it would start from about 7,500 feet, roughly.

14 I would like to introduce now Mr. Steve
15 Rigby, who is our mine engineer, and he has put a map
16 up. Steve, if you would show the existing road.
17 MR. FEIGHT: Do you want to testify at all?

18 Will you swear him in. MR. FEIGHT: Yes, I will.

19 STEVE RIGBY, mine engineer, is being called by and
20 being first called.

21 MR. RIGBY: I am Steve Rigby, mine engineer for the
22 company called by and being first called.
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19 all?

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21 ~~existing road~~ STEVE RIGBY, ~~is the~~
22 ~~mine is~~ called by and on behalf of Plateau Mining,
23 ~~and~~ being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

24 MR. RIGBY: We have here one of the copies,

1 one of the three copies that we will submit as evidence
2 today at this hearing. Of our surface facilities
3 at Plateau Mining Company at Wattis, ^{lines are within}
4 ^{County?} Currently we have a caddy road that ends
5 at our property line coming into the property, and
6 from there on we control this road. ^{line here that we}
7 ^{illustrate} This blue road is the road that we are currently
8 using, to both obtain access to our mine portals and
9 also to remove coal. It's a coal haul road, too.
10 That's this blue line here. It goes to this part here.

11 As per the visit of Mr. Thompson and Mr.
12 Daniels, it was concluded that this was a preexisting,
13 non-conforming structure.

14 Inasmuch as we realize we now have this
15 problem, we have laid out preliminary plans for the
16 construction of a new road on this particular site
17 of this canyon. This is a canyon that goes right
18 through the middle here. That is represented by this
19 yellow dashed line. ^{shown in the map.}

20 Now, as you can see, that would cut that
21 existing road in a couple, three places, and nearly
22 make it impossible for us to obtain access during the
23 construction of the road. This is one of the factors
24 that has to be weighed.

25 In addition on this map, we have illustrated

1 a pink, dashed line, which we are currently in the
 2 process of obtaining a right of way to construct.
 3 This will comply with the OSM guidelines and will
 4 make better our operation as far as access to our
 5 portals.

6 This road, this yellow line here that we have
 7 illustrated, would only be in use from three to five
 8 years. This road would make access to our major
 9 mine facility, which will be located here for the
 10 duration of our mining of this property.

11 Any questions on the map?
 12 MR. FEIGHT: We would like to have the map
 13 marked as Exhibit A.
 14 MR. BAILEY: We have three copies. Is that
 15 how many you request?

16 MR. FEIGHT: Yes. They will be received into
 17 evidence.
 18 (Plateau Mining Exhibit A
 19 received in evidence.)

20 MR. BAILEY: We would also like to submit
 21 in evidence a color photograph showing the road and
 22 the ruggedness of the terrain. We only have one copy
 23 of this. I can get you more.

24 MR. FEIGHT: We will try to get two extras,
 25 somehow.