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Ms. Mary Ann Wright
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Dear Ms. Wright:

We recently received a copy of the experimental test plot design that was submitted to your office by Plateau Mining Company.

If I am correct, this plan was developed by Plateau upon your request to implement a revegetation plan for the purpose of demonstrating that the steep slopes created as a result of the recently constructed road, could be satisfactorily stabilized and revegetated. Review by our staff indicates that the plan as outlined is generally satisfactory, with a few exceptions -- these being:

- Plot size appears too small to yield reliable data.
- The species intended for use and the amounts to be seeded should be stated.
- The quantity and type of fertilizer to be used should be stated.

Should there be questions, please contact Rocky Beavers of my staff.

Sincerely,

Robert I. Starr
Chief, Biological and
Ecological Sciences Branch