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Mr. Ben Grimes
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RE: Areas of Concern and Recommendations

Dear Mr. Grimes:

This letter is intended to reaffirm our statements pertaining to compliance needs discussed during the May 28, 1981, field inspection.

The main concern lies in the area south of the conveyor system. The road south of the system was spoken to in Sandy Pruitt's April 21, 1981 letter. She indicated that this road should meet Class III standards (UMC 817.170-176). Currently, it does not. A recommendation that resulted from our discussion was to grade the road to allow runoff to drain to the morth and enter the proposed asphalt ditch along your access-haul road. In this way runoff would avoid the revegetated areas directly below. Also related to this area is the deepening channel which carries water from the entire area along the conveyor system. As you recall, this area was addressed by employing straw bales. Water has short circuited these bales and cut more deeply into this loose material present in this area. The loss of this material could decrease the revegetation potential in this area. This area should be repaired prior to July 1, 1981 or it will be subject to enforcement action under UMC 817.45(iii).

Rills and gullies which were repaired on the downslope of the secondary access road out of Southfork Canyon should be reseeded as required in Sandy Pruitt's April 21, 1981 letter. This should be completed prior to the next monthly inspection.

As you indicated in our June 8, 1981 phone conversation regarding the status your inquiry into the status of your electric powerlines a response from your engineer is forthcoming. We would be pleased to receive those findings as soon as possible. Also, it is our opinion that you cannot "grandfather" an existing facility which is currently being used to facilitate mining.

If you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Portle

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