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**DIVISION OF
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Dear Lowell:

We have reviewed Plateau Mining Company's letter to the Division dated April 30, 1987, regarding revision of the spring monitoring locations as outlined in the 5-year permit renewal PAP and New Lands PAP.

As discussed during our meeting on June 2, 1987, we consent to the revised monitoring program, pending an analysis by the Forest to identify the springs within and adjacent to the permit area which need to be monitored due to high resource values. We hope to complete the analysis this field season and provide the Division with a list of springs this winter. We agree with the approach of adding the identified springs to the monitoring program as mining progresses and the 5-year permit area is expanded.

We, however, identified the need to monitor Spring S11-1 this fall during low flow as originally scheduled. Since the area to the east of this location is presently being mined and the Forest Service has claimed water rights in Little Park Creek, this spring will be evaluated by the Forest Service for continued monitoring in our analysis.

Sincerely,



for
A. J. FRANDSEN
Acting Forest Supervisor