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DIVISION OF  
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RE: Review of Proposed Amendment for Exploration Pits, Cyprus-Plateau Mining Company, Starpoint Mines, ACT/007/006-89G, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Lowell:

We received a copy of your letter to Cyprus-Plateau Mining Co. (CPMC), dated July 18, 1989, which notified them that additional information regarding reclamation will be required for review of their proposal to test fault locations using test pits.

Earlier this year the Manti-La Sal National Forest issued a prospecting permit to CPMC for conducting a resistivity survey in this area. We were aware that CPMC was considering the permitting of several pits to test fault locations based on the resistivity data. Since a Mining and Reclamation Plan amendment would be needed for test pits which lie within an approved permit area, we advised CPMC to submit a proposal to your office when a determination as to the size, number and location of needed pits was made. As of the date of this letter, we have not received any specific information from CPMC or your office regarding this proposal.

Before we can review the proposal, we will need to receive a copy of the MRP amendment. The amendment must contain a description of the location, size, access, timing and reclamation for the operation with an accompanying map at a reasonable scale. An archeological survey of the area to be disturbed will be required and the Forest Service must complete a survey for Threatened, Endangered or Sensitive plant and animal species. Depending on the type of access and equipment proposed, a Forest Service Road-Use Permit and bond might be required. A Forest Service Environmental Analysis will be required with an appropriate level of NEPA documentation dependent upon the level of surface disturbance proposed.

*Rick - any thing in process here?  
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In regard to reclamation of any pits, we require removal and preservation of topsoil prior to excavation of subsoils. Once the pits are completed, the subsoils must be replaced with suitable compaction to prevent doming, followed by replacement of topsoil with seeding of appropriate species of vegetation. If roads are constructed or if ground compaction results from overland travel, the accessway must also receive suitable reclamation.

Please send the amendment to our office as soon as possible for review to expedite processing. If you have any questions, please contact the Forest Supervisor's Office or the Price Ranger District Office in Price.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George A. Morris".

for  
GEORGE A. MORRIS  
Forest Supervisor