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Manti-LaSal National Forest - Price Ranger District
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Catherine V. Chachas
Northwest Carbon Corp.
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Dear Ms. Chachas:

I have received and reviewed your application for a road use permit to construct an access road from the Indian Creek area up to Big East Mountain to access proposed holes DHC4, DHC5, DHC2 and DHC3. Past experience in this area (with the USGS exploration program) has shown that any surface access will be extremely difficult, and that drill hole exploration may be limited to other than conventional surface access.

Conventional surface access may be gained to the vicinity of the spring located near the center of section 26 by an alternate route from the north. Beyond that, to the south and southeast, the "jeep trails" are actually pack trails located on knife-edge ridges and along very steep slumpy slopes. These pack trails are passable on horseback and on foot.

Access to hole DHC1 is also questionable but will need to be reviewed in the field.

The proposal as presented is not acceptable and will necessitate an on-the-ground review of any proposed alternative. This review can be scheduled when the area is accessible which will be late June or early July.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff on this matter if you have any questions or wish to coordinate further.

Sincerely,

IRA W. HATCH
District Ranger

cc: John Blake
Thomas Tetting ✓

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