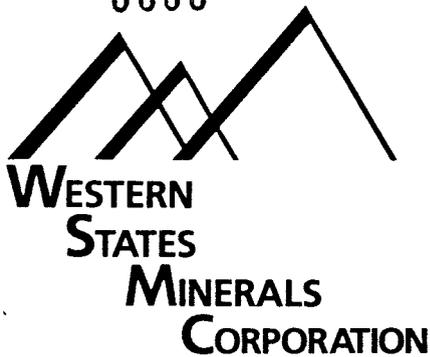


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Mr. Bradley Johnson
Mr. Stuart Johnson
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30 N. Main Street
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Dear Sirs:

Western States Mining Corporation has been reclaiming the J.B. King Mine (Dog Valley Mine) since 1985 when the coal mining was completed. This is in an area where the Johnson Cattle Company also has a grazing lease. Reclamation requires erosion control and revegetation on about 30 acres for a period of several years. The areas to be reclaimed have been fenced by Western States. This reclamation is required by the State of Utah, which has inspectors who periodically monitor the site. The state inspectors are concerned that cattle grazing has prevented adequate revegetation at the mine site. The State is requiring Western States to maintain the fence and exclude cattle until a good stand of vegetation has developed.

As discussed recently on the telephone, Western States is requesting your cooperation in our efforts to keep cattle from grazing this mine area until the state inspectors have determined that revegetation has succeeded and reclamation is complete. We will be contracting with a local company to inspect and maintain the fence during the time that reclamation is required for revegetation. After the revegetation is complete, this area will be open for grazing again.

Thanks for your cooperation in getting this mine reclaimed.

Sincerely yours

Allen S. Gordon

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Barbara W. Roberts, State AG Office
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