

VI. RECLAMATION/MITIGATION

At this point in time, it is difficult to suggest any mitigation of impacts or reclamation of areas that are impacted by undermining, since we can only assume those impacts and their effect. Mitigating measures will be contingent upon the findings of the program. As data is collected, methods of mitigation and reclamation will be formulated. This will be done in cooperation with the OSM and other agencies as required.

Since significant subsidence is expected to occur after final mining, the Forest Service will require continuance of pertinent programs until such time that it is determined the program is no longer needed. This time period will be a result of data evaluation and information from not only the specific mine involved, but as a result of data from several sources. The time period will be established by the Forest Service, Geological Survey, Office of Surface Mining, and Bureau of Land Management.