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Fwd: Crandall Canyon Road Failure

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Hi Jeff,

Just a heads up regarding a recent issue with the USFS road leading into the Crandall Canyon mine. I'm the designated inspector for Crandall, and I inspect the mine on a monthly basis. My most recent inspection last Tuesday, April 16 revealed a small portion of the road just inside the mine permit that just recently failed. The failure occurred in a section of road that lies adjacent to the sediment pond at the entrance to the permit area. The entire section is reinforced with Gabion baskets, but it appears that improper drainage may have led to the sediments behind the Gabion wall becoming saturated, eventually leading to the failure. The resident agent was on site as recently as April 1 and reported the road was stable at that time.

Scamp Construction was notified immediately upon discovery of the failure, and barricades have been installed to divert traffic around the affected area. So far, only the shoulder of the road has failed and plans are underway to initiate repairs. From the standpoint of DOGM, enforcement action is currently being pursued to ensure that we don't see a repeat performance of this event. At any rate, I just wanted to reach out to keep you in the loop since technically this is occurring on USFS property.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you,

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