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Sufco Team-

In the 2008 annual report, Sufco submitted the final riparian/hydrology report by Pat Collins and Eric Petersen pertaining to Box Canyon. Significant subsidence in this Canyon has eliminated a 200+ feet of stream reach and associated riparian vegetation/habitat. According to the report, the amount of water in the lower portions of the canyon has remained the same, so the water sources or springs have moved down the canyon but are essentially still contributing 100% to the drainage. The M&RP specifically states that, "if substantiated mining induced changes occur in the vegetation within the affected areas of the East Fork of Box Canyon, a revegetation/enhancement mitigation plan will be created and submitted to the Division."

I think we need to set up a site visit for Box Canyon with the Division, mining personnel and USFWS to determine if the changes are substantial and, if so, possible mitigation projects. Please let me know if you have any questions and when you would be available to attend a site visit so that Dave can set it up as project lead. Thank you!

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