

Suzanne Steab - Re: Northwater Mitigation Plan

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To: Chris Hansen
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Subject: Re: Northwater Mitigation Plan
CC: Amanda Richard; John Byars; Mike Davis; OGMCOAL; Suzanne Steab

Hi Chris,

It certainly has been a dry year. As for extending the time for submission of your mitigation proposal, we can do that. We understand your need for the additional time and will extend the due date to the July 12th date that you suggested. Please make every effort to make the required submittal by July 12, 2012. Thanks.

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Daron:

This drought year seems to be creating a perfect storm for water projects. The original plan to deal with the North Water and Joe's Mill Pond areas included pumping water from the East Fork of Box up to watering troughs. Unfortunately due to the past several years of drought, with only a few normal years mixed in, the East Fork is only flowing at about 50 % of normal. We are finding this to be true for most of the surface and many of the ground water sites in the vicinity of Sufco (most well outside of any areas undermined). Because of this development, we are going to be changing our mitigation plan for the spring area to include tapping into spring SP-89 that is located on north-facing slope between the main stem and east fork of Box Canyon. We considered a similar plan once before but abandoned it due to the complexities related to getting it approved through the forest's NEPA process.

I need to request additional time to submit our mitigation plan for several reasons. One, as mentioned above, we need to improve it to address potential similar drought conditions that may occur in the future. Two, Leland Roberts, our lead on this project, has accepted a position with Kennecott and has moved on. Three, we are close to getting something completed but will not quite get it done by the end of the week. Unfortunately, next week the Sufco Mine personnel are on miner's holiday and all employees, with the exception of those needed to perform the bare necessities at the mine, have been required to take vacation. Therefore, Mike Davis and Amanda Richard will not be available to complete the submittal.

I believe we should be able to complete the submittal within the next 17 days or before the close of business on the 12th of July, 2012. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

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