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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Baza,

You received two letters requesting comments on the expansion of SUFCO Mine's Special Use Permit to add approximately 102 acres. The Forest Service has recently changed its decision-making process and consequently, we wanted to draw your attention to the revised decision process. The previous two letters may have provided confusing statements about the applicability of appeals. A map of the project is also enclosed.

The SUFCO Special Use Permit Modification Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact and draft decision, will be completed and mailed to those who have submitted comments and to those who have requested to be included on the project mailing list. It will also be posted to the Fishlake National Forest web page.

The project implements land management plans and is not authorized under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and is subject to 36 CFR 218.7 parts (a) and (b). Instead of an appeal period, there will be an objection process before the final decision is made and after the final environmental analysis document and draft decision are mailed (reference 36 CFR 218). In order to be eligible to file an objection, specific written comments related to the project must be submitted during scoping or any other public comment period specifically requested on this EA (218.5). Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual. Objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. Names and addresses of those who comment and/or file objections will become part of the public record.

For more information on how the objection process works for projects and activities implementing land and resource management plans and the requirements, contact Dave Christensen, or you may read the regulations under 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B on the web site at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-03-27/pdf/2013-06857.pdf>.

The environmental analysis will be mailed out to those who respond to this scoping letter and to those who have requested the document or are eligible to file an objection in accordance with Sec. 218.5(a).

Contact Dave Christensen, Fishlake National Forest, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701 for more details about the public meeting and for information on release of a document for comment.

The rule change modifies the process for some Forest Service NEPA decisions. Instead of post-decision appeals, the decision will be subject to 36 CFR Part 218 Subpart B, project level pre-decisional review process.

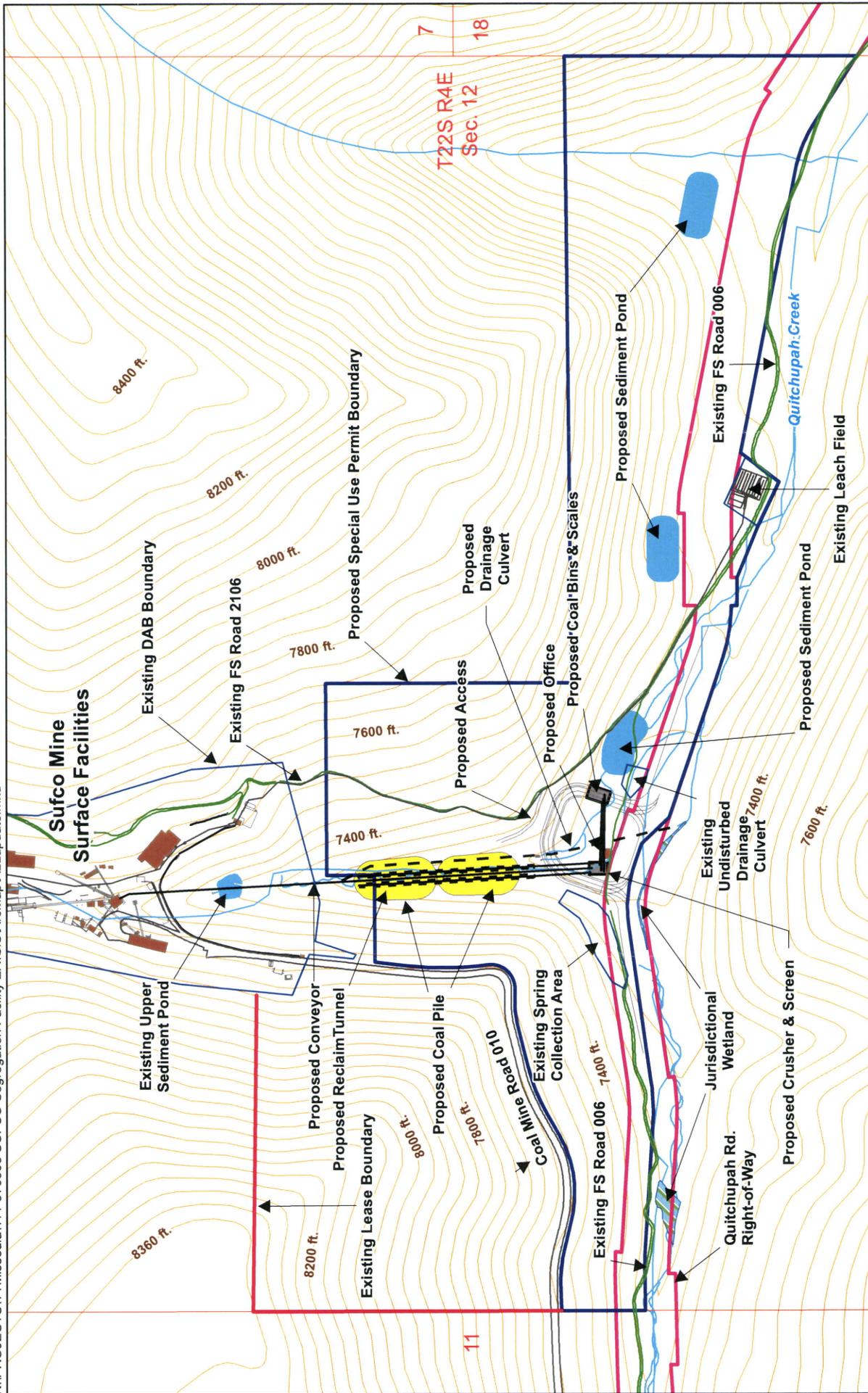


Sincerely,

/S/ JASON KLING

JASON KLING  
District Ranger

Enclosure



**Sufco Mine**  
**Existing and Proposed Facilities**  
**Sufco Mine Special Use Permit Expansion**

- Existing Lease Boundary
- Proposed Special Use Permit Boundary
- Temporary ROW

- Section Line
- Existing Disturbed Area Boundary (DAB)
- Stream

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