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Dear Mr. Christensen,

DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Earlier this summer, SUFCO brought to our attention that a sink hole had developed as a result of long-wall mining in the Mud Springs Area on the Richfield Ranger District. The sink hole is about 40' wide by 50' long and 40' deep. At that time they put a temporary barb wire fence around the hole to discourage human and animal trespass. The walls of the hole are vertical, though there are overhanging ledges. This situation is hazardous and will only become more dangerous as snow covers the fence and cross-country snowmobile use in the area occurs. We feel that an emergency exists and agree with reclamation of the sink hole as soon as possible.

SUFCO has presented a reclamation plan to us which we have reviewed and find acceptable. Resource specialists and managers of the area do not anticipate any conflict with the proposed reclamation activities and adjacent resources including cultural and historical resources.

If you have any questions or comments on this matter please feel free to contact me or Rob Hamilton.

Sincerely,



JASON KLING
District Ranger

cc: Bryant Bunnell and Jake Smith - SUFCO

