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Carl Kel
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Subject: General Information on Mining, Carl Kel, Carbon County, Utah

Dear: Mr. Kel:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) provides the following information about starting a small mining operation in response to your request of January 8, 2014.

- The Division does not require a permit for gold panning. In making this statement it is assumed you would be using hand tools and that you would not create a significant disturbance. You would need permission from the land owner for private or School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) lands, and you should obtain a claim for operating on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- If you want to use a dredge for recreational mining you need to obtain a permit from the Utah Division of Water Rights. There are certain size restrictions for the dredge, and dredging is only authorized on certain streams during specific times of the year. You will also need to obtain permission from the land owner.
- Use of mechanized equipment larger than that allowed under a permit for recreational dredging will require submittal of a Notice of Intention and reclamation surety with the Division. Conducting operations on federal or State lands will require approval of the land managing agency, and operating on private land requires permission from the land owner.

Enclosed is a copy of the form for a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations that you requested. Please contact Wayne Western at 801-538-5263 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: SMO Form
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