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Dear Mr. Hedberg,

We are writing to you to request a stay or waiver on fees due for 5 mining permits;5250013, 5250017, 5250019, 5530051, 5170039. As of last September our company was put out of business because we were a few days late filing our "small miner waiver"with the federal government. Our 3 main claims comprising about 70% of our business were entombed by Clintons establishment of the Grand Staircase monument. Because we were late in filing they declared our claims "forfeited by law". They have disallowed our attempts to re-file our claims in the monument. We are going to fight this decision and feel we have a good chance of prevailing. However, this could be a long fight. As you may know, the Mountain States Legal Foundation is currently fighting the monument as being illegally created. If they are successful it would be our fastest positive solution.

We hope the state will support us in this effort. As you can imagine , the financial toll this has caused has been devastating, any more burden at this time could force us into bankruptcy.

Thank you for your help in this matter. We never imagined we could be forced into this situation but have no intention of abandoning our claims or our reclamation obligations.

Sincerely,

Don Wood
Mike Dettamanti