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Mike Dettamanti
Southwest Stone
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Re: Status Change of Small Mining Projects, Southwest Stone, Long Gulch II (S/017/039); Stonehedge (S/025/017) and Low Down #1 (S/025/019), Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah

Dear Mr. Dettamanti:

Thank you for submitting your annual reports for your five small mining projects which were received February 3, 2000. You have advised us that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has unjustly confiscated these claims that are located within the Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument. You have advised us that you are appealing the BLM's decision.

Would you please provide us with a copy of the official BLM documentation which presently prohibits you from accessing or conducting any further mining activities on these mine sites. This information will be placed in our files and used as the basis for issuance of a temporary Division ***waiver*** to the annual report filing requirement and the payment of your annual permit fees for these 3 sites until this situation is resolved.

Please be advised that regardless of the outcome of your BLM appeal, the reclamation requirement for all these sites will remain with Southwest Stone. Our rules (specifically R647-3-112.5) presently authorize the Division to require reclamation after 5 years of continued suspension of mining operations. Best of luck with your endeavors in pursuing your BLM appeal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5286.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

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