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Dear Sirs:

On November 6, 2000, Doug Powell and Ed Ginouves met with Michael Dettamanti and Don Wood in order to identify reclamation requirements at the Gyp One, Low Down I, and Long Gulch II quarries. From this meeting, BLM has determined that the following reclamation work must be accomplished before final acceptance and closure of your mining operations. Please be aware that all reclamation work must conform with Title 43, Part 3809 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and Utah State regulation R-647-3-109.

UTU-67101, DOGM S/025/017, Gyp One Quarry

The Gyp One quarry consisted of several small outcrop excavations (totaling perhaps 0.5 acres of disturbance) within a larger disturbed area (totaling about 2-3 acres) created by alabaster quarrying operations. Blocks of alabaster that were unsound due to natural defects were cast downslope or left in small piles throughout the site. These blocks now represent the most visible aspect of the disturbance.

Reclamation at this site would involve the operator placing overburden against the former quarry faces, ripping the non-vegetated disturbed areas, seeding these areas, and blocking road access.

UTU-71335, DOGM S/025/019, Lowdown I Quarry

The quarry site consists of a 300' long, steep side-hill cut leading to a hillside natural outcrop of alabaster, and several small shallow excavations in and adjacent to a dry wash where a lower bed of alabaster outcropped. Total site disturbance, including the access trail is estimated at 0.25 acres.

Reclamation at this site would involve the backfilling of the shallow drainage bottom excavations, ripping and seeding the disturbed areas and access trail, and blocking the trail at the Round Valley Road. The steep side hill cut because of ongoing sloughing currently blends reasonably well into the natural slope, and reclamation of this cut could be considered optional.

UTU-72768, DOGM S/017/039, Long Gulch II Quarry

This site consists of a single shallow bulldozed cut made from the edge of a natural dry drainage where two alabaster beds outcrop in the area near the rim of the drainage gully. The bulldozed cut is ~30' wide and 150' long, and at the terminus of the cut is a low pile of waste alabaster blocks. Total site disturbance is about 0.25 acres.

Reclamation at this site would consist of pushing the material left in the waste pile back into the cut area and seeding the disturbed areas. The access trail at this site could also be scarified and seeded in places where natural re-vegetation has not already begun.

If you agree with the reclamation recommendations made above for each site, you may adopt these recommendations as your written plan. Prior approval of the reclamation plan is necessary to ensure that the BLM is in agreement with the extent and methodology of the proposed work. Final reclamation of all three sites must be complete prior to November 30, 2001. A BLM approved seed list has been attached for your use.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Doug Powell at (435) 644-4323.

Sincerely,

Thomas B Terry

for Kate Cannon
Monument Manager, GSENM

cc: Terry Snyder, BLM, Utah State Office
John Steiger, Regional Solicitor
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Recommended Native Seed List for Reclamation of Alabaster Mining Operations: UTU-67101, UTU-71335, UTU-72768

Needle and thread grass	6 pounds/acre
Indian ricegrass	4 pounds/acre
Four wing saltbush	4 pounds/acre
Bottlebrush squirreltail	2 pounds/acre
Galletta grass	2 pounds/acre
Blue flax	2 pounds/acre

Seed should be raked in to ensure good soil contact. Deviation from this list must be pre-approved by the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.