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To: Wayne and Tony, Minerals Review Staff

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Suject: Big Cottonwood Mine Post Mine Use / Housing Development

This is in response to Tony's speed memo on 11/2/92. City Development is apparently amending their proposal concerning the establishment of lots and eventually homes at the Big Cottonwood mine quarry site.

I think the Divisions position is explained pretty well in Tony's 8/31/92 letter to the County Planning Commission. The Division is not approving the postmine land use for a housing development. We are approving it for wildlife habitat. The mine must be reclaimed and released prior to any other type of development, which means the operator must implement the approved reclamation plan, and then wait a min of 3 years to watch the plants grow. No implementation of the plan has not? taken place yet

It would not be our role to comment on the new plan, because we ~~are not~~ will not be involved in approving the site for this type of activity.

I suggest we write the operator (cc: the County) and ask why the site has not? been reclaimed yet.