

November 12, 2021

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations

Dear Ms. Heppler:

On behalf of Tree Farm, LLC, enclosed please find a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, which was completed using the most recent version of Form MR-SMO available from the Division's website. In addition to the completed Form MR-SMO, please find Figure 1 (General Location Map) and Figure 2 (Operations Map). Also enclosed please find a check for \$150.00 for the filing fee for this NOI-SMO. Per Utah Admin. Code R647-3-101, please confirm that this NOI is complete within 15 days of this submission (by **November 29, 2021**).

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. Please feel free to contact me at 801-257-7985 or [kwallin@parrbrown.com](mailto:kwallin@parrbrown.com) should any questions arise.

Sincerely,

PARR BROWN GEE & LOVELESS, P.C.



Kassidy J. Wallin

Encl: Completed NOI-SMO  
Check for \$150.00

cc: Client



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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMMENCE SMALL MINING OPERATIONS**

The information requirements of this form are based on provisions of the Mined Land Reclamation Act, Title 40-8, Utah Code Annotated 1987, and the General Rules as promulgated under the Utah Minerals Regulatory Program (R647). The rules and Act are available online at <http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r647/r647.htm> and [http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE40/40\\_08.htm](http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE40/40_08.htm).

Cultural Resources Survey: To fulfill its obligations under Utah Code Annotated 9-8-404, the Division needs cultural resource (archaeology) information. The amount and type of information required will depend on the mine location, the history of previous disturbance, and other factors. Please contact the Division for further information.

A permit fee of \$150 must accompany this application (Utah Code Ann. §40-8-7(1)(i)) and is due annually.

"Small Mining Operations" are operations which have a disturbed area of ten or fewer surface acres at any time in unincorporated areas, or five acres or fewer in incorporated areas.

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**I. GENERAL INFORMATION** (Rule R647-3-104)

- 1. Name of Mine: Silver Mine
- 2.A. Name of Entity Applying for a Permit: Tree Farm LLC  
 Contact (Authorized Officer): Jesse Lassley  
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 711820  
 City, State, Zip: Salt Lake City, UT 84171  
 Phone: 801-733-7008 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: jesse@L4development.com

Entity is a: (  ) Corporation, (  ) LLC, (  ) Sole Proprietorship (dba), (  ) Individual, (  ) Partnership (  General, or  limited), (  ) Other (specify type) \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Entity (not individuals) must be registered (and maintain registration) with the State of Utah, Division of Corporations (DOC)** If not currently registered, contact [www.commerce.utah.gov](http://www.commerce.utah.gov) to renew or apply.

- 2.B. Are you currently registered to do business in the State of Utah? (  ) Yes (  ) No  
 Business Entity #: 84-3484929  
 Local Business License #: \_\_\_\_\_ (if required)  
 Issued by: County: Salt Lake County or City: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Utah Agent (as identified with the Utah DOC) (if individual leave blank):  
Name: Jesse Lassley Title: Owner  
Address: P.O. Box 711820  
City, State, Zip: Salt Lake City, UT 84171  
Phone: 801-733-7008 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: jesse@L4development.com

**2.C. Entity's Representative(s) (if different from #2A) authorized and designated to receive notices of violation, cessation orders, and all other notices to be given to the permittee or operator by the Division.**

Name: Same as #2A Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency, Weekend, or Holiday Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency, Weekend, or Holiday Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. If Business is a Sole Proprietor (dba) or Individual:**

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Business is a Corporation:**

Name of Officers: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Headquarters Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Business is a Limited Liability Company: Member Managed (  ) Manager Managed (  )**

Name of 1<sup>st</sup> Member/Manager: Jesse Lassley Title: Owner  
Business Address: P.O. Box 711820  
City, State, Zip: Salt Lake City, UT 84171  
Phone: 801-733-7008 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 2<sup>nd</sup> Member/Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Business is a Partnership:**

Names of Partners: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Business is a Partnership:**

Names of Partners: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Ownership of Land Surface:**

Private (Fee) () BLM () US Forest Service ()  
State Trust Land/School Sections () State Sovereign Lands ()  
Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Name Tree Farm LLC Address PO Box 711820 Salt Lake City, UT 84171  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Ownership of Minerals:**

Private (Fee) () BLM () US Forest Service ()  
State Trust Land/School Sections () State Sovereign Lands ()  
Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Name Tree Farm LLC Address PO Box 711820 Salt Lake City, UT 84171  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

BLM Claim Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Utah State Lease Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

BLM/USFS Lease or Project File Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lessee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Have the above surface and mineral owners been notified in writing?** Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Does the Entity have legal right to enter** and conduct mining operations on the land covered by this notice? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

What is the pre-mining land use, i.e. cropland, grazing, wildlife habitat? Mineral Mining.

What is the postmining land use? Recreational development

Once mining is complete the operator will conduct reclamation as required by these rules.

*Please be advised that if State Trust Lands are involved, notification to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining alone does not satisfy the notification requirements of Mineral Leases upon State Trust Lands. Exploration or mining activity on State Trust Lands requires a minimum of 60 days notice to the Trust Lands Administration prior to commencing any activities. Please contact the School Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) at (801) 538-5508 for notification requirements.*

II. **PROJECT LOCATION & MAP** (Rule R647-3-105)

1. **Project Location & Map** (legal description):

County(ies): Salt Lake County  
\_\_\_\_ 1/4, of SW \_\_\_\_ 1/4, of NE \_\_\_\_ 1/4, Section: 17 \_\_\_\_ Township: 1 South Range: 2 East  
\_\_\_\_ 1/4, of NW \_\_\_\_ 1/4, of SE \_\_\_\_ 1/4, Section: 17 \_\_\_\_ Township: 1 South Range: 2 East  
\_\_\_\_ 1/4, of NE \_\_\_\_ 1/4, of SE \_\_\_\_ 1/4, Section: 17 \_\_\_\_ Township: 1 South Range: 2 East  
\_\_\_\_ 1/4, of \_\_\_\_ 1/4, of \_\_\_\_ 1/4, Section: \_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_  
UTM East: 436979.07 m (if known) UTM North: 4508961.40 m (If known)

Name of Quad Map for Location: Mount Aire

2. **Is the project within an incorporated area?** (  ) Yes (  ) No  
If yes, what is the town or city? \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Location and Operations maps** must be plotted at a scale to accurately identify locational landmarks and operations details. All maps must include a north arrow, scale, appropriate labels, and title box including the mine name, township, range and section.
  - a. The **general location map** must be the scale of a USGS 7.5 minute series map or equivalent (1"=2000') and identify new or existing access roads.
  - b. The **operations map** (1"=200' or other scale as determined necessary by the Division) must be labeled and identify:
    - i. The area to be disturbed;
    - ii. The location of any existing or proposed operations including access roads, drill holes, trenches, pits, shafts, cuts, or other planned activities; and
    - iii. Any adjacent previous disturbance for which the operator is not responsible.(Contact the Division for a list of consultants and land surveyors for mapping assistance.)
4. The proposed disturbed area (including access/haul roads) should be marked ON THE GROUND with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers should be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

III. **OPERATION PLAN** (Rule R647-3-106)

1. **Type of mining:** Surface (  ) Underground (  )
2. **Mineral(s) to be mined:** Hard rock sand and gravel, limestone, cement powder, precious metals
3. **Amount of material** to be extracted, moved, or proposed to be moved: Up to 200,000 cubic yards  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Will any **water, liquid chemicals, reagents, or other solutions** be used, produced or discharged as part of the mining or milling process? Yes (  ) No (  ) If yes, please describe (add extra pages if needed): Water for fugitive dust control.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Provide a brief **description of the proposed mining operation**, and onsite processing facilities (add extra pages if necessary). On-site activities will include blasting, crushing, screening, dozing, hauling, etc. typical to similar operations.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. (  ) **New Road(s):** Length 0 (ft), Width 0 (ft)
7. (  ) **Improved Road(s):** Describe improvements that need to be made to existing roads to access the site, including the Length 0 (ft) and Width 0 (ft) **of new disturbances.**  
The mine will be accessed using the UDOT frontage road.  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Total project surface **acreage to be disturbed:** 20 (acres) PLEASE SPECIFY **EXACT ACREAGE** (this will be used to determine surety bond amount – see #VI).
9. Proposed **startup date** (month, year): December 20, 2021
10. Proposed **completion**, if known (month, year): Unknown

**IV. OPERATION AND RECLAMATION PRACTICES** (Rule R647-3-107, 108 & 109)

The reclamation and operation obligation is to keep the area clean and safe, minimize hazards to public safety, return the land to a useful condition, and reestablish at least 70 percent of the premining vegetative ground cover or within practical limits. To accomplish this, the Permittee / Operator will need to perform reclamation concurrently, or at the completion (within one (1) year) of mining. Please refer to The Practical Guide to Reclamation in Utah, available at:

[https://fs.ogm.utah.gov/pub/MINES/Coal\\_Related/RecMan/Reclamation\\_Manual.pdf](https://fs.ogm.utah.gov/pub/MINES/Coal_Related/RecMan/Reclamation_Manual.pdf).

1. *Keep the mining operation in a safe, clean, and environmentally stable condition.*
2. *Permanently seal all shafts and tunnels to prevent unauthorized or accidental entry.*
3. *Plug drill holes with a five foot cement surface plug. Holes that encounter fluids are to be plugged in the subsurface to prevent aquifer contamination.*
4. *Construct berms, fences, or barriers, when needed, above highwalls and excavations.*
5. *Remove, isolate, or neutralize all toxic materials in a manner compatible with federal and state regulations.*
6. *Remove all waste or debris from stream channels.*
7. *Dispose of any trash, scrap metal, wood, machinery, and buildings.*
8. *Conduct mining activities so as to minimize erosion and control sediment.*
9. *Reclaim all roads that are not part of a permanent transportation system.*
10. *Stockpile topsoil and suitable overburden prior to mining.*
11. *Stabilize highwalls by backfilling or rounding to 45 degrees or less, where feasible; reshape the land to near its original contour, and redistribute the topsoil and suitable overburden.*
12. *Properly prepare seedbed to a depth of six inches by pocking, ripping, discing, or harrowing. Leave the surface rough.*
13. *Reseed disturbed areas with adaptable species. (The Division recommends a mixture of species of grass, forb, and browse seed, and will provide a specific species list if requested.)*
14. *Plant the seed with a rangeland or farm drill, or broadcast the seed. Fall is the preferred time to seed.*

V. **VARIANCE REQUEST** (Rule R647-3-110)

**Any variance must be approved writing in advance by the Division**

Any planned deviations from Rules R647-3-107, Operation Practices, R647-3-108, Hole Plugging Requirements, or R647-3-109, Reclamation Practices, as summarized above (see IV. Operation and Reclamation Practices Item # 1-14), should be identified below listing applicable rule number. Give justification for the variance(s) and alternate methods or measures to be utilized to meet the intent of the rule. Written approval from the Division will be given, if the proposed alternative methods to be used are consistent with the Act.

Are variances being requested? Yes (  ) No (  )

Variance Requested

Item #                      Applicable Rule

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Alternate methods or measure to be utilized: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attach additional page(s) if more variances are requested.

VI. **SURETY** (Utah Code Ann. §40-8-7(1)[c])

**A reclamation contract and surety must be provided to and approved by the Division prior to commencement of operations. No surface disturbance is authorized until the surety is posted and approved in writing.** The surety may be provided in the form of a certificate of deposit, a letter of credit, a surety bond, or cash. Please contact the Division for further information about submitting the surety. All mining operations are required to furnish and maintain reclamation surety to guarantee that the land affected is reclaimed (Utah Code Ann. §40-8-7(1)[c]).

The reclamation surety amount is based on the nature, extent and duration of operations. The amounts are based on data from current large mine surety and are used as a general guide, along with actual site conditions. Reclamation surety for small mines is reviewed every three (3) or five (5) years and adjusted as necessary for inflation/deflation based upon acceptable Costs Index. **Contact the Division for the dollar amount required for a three (3) or five (5) year period for this project.**

**VII. SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT**

**CERTIFICATION**

I state under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Utah and the United States of America that:

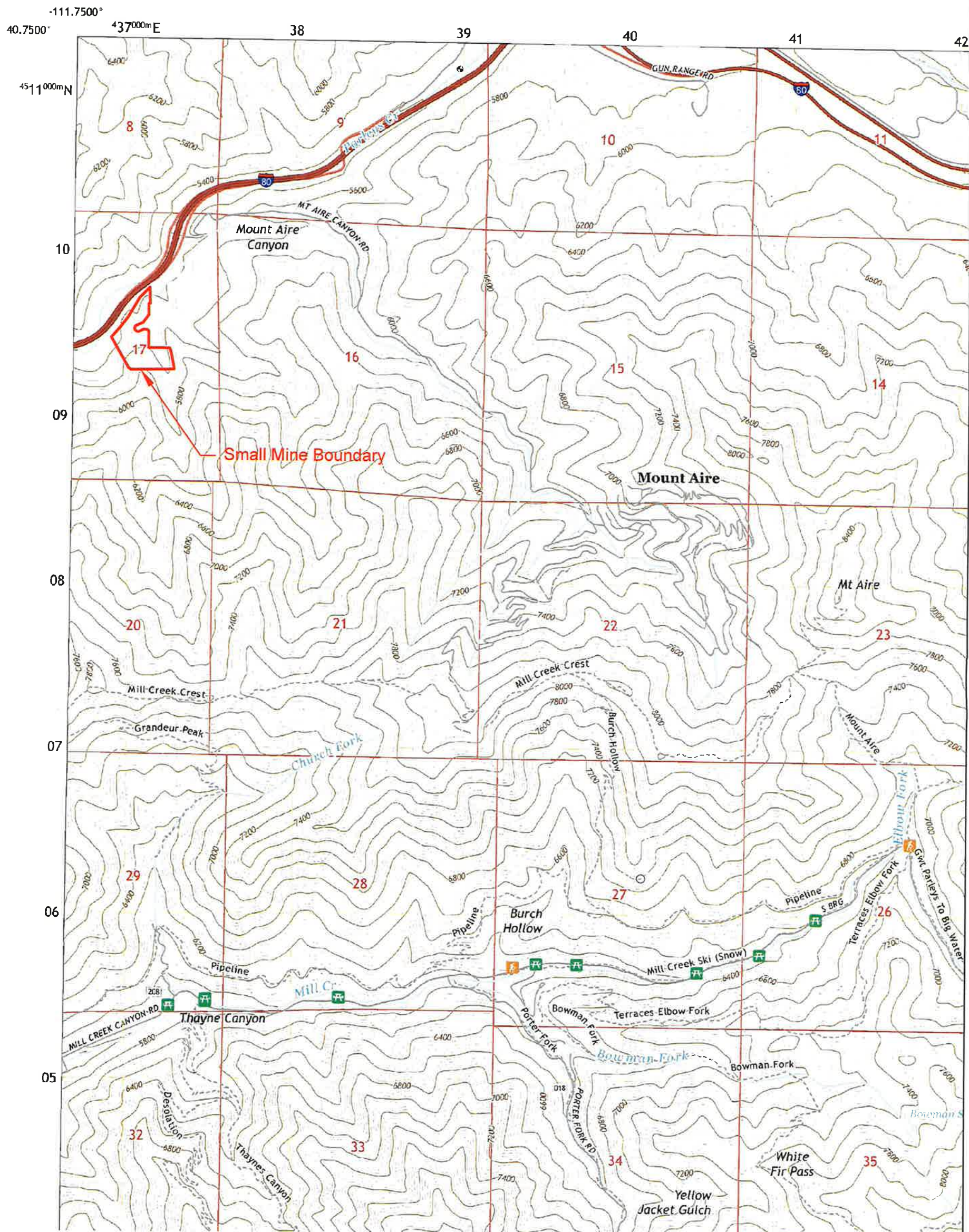
- a. I have read this form and declare the information, statements and/or documentation are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief; AND
- b. I commit to the reclamation of the aforementioned small mining project as required by the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act (40-8) and the rules as specified by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.
- c. **This certification must be signed by:** (1.) an executive officer if the applicant is a corporation; (2.) a partner if applicant is a partnership (general or limited); (3.) the owner if applicant is a sole proprietorship; or (4.) the member or manager if applicant is a limited liability company.

*Tree Farm, LLC*

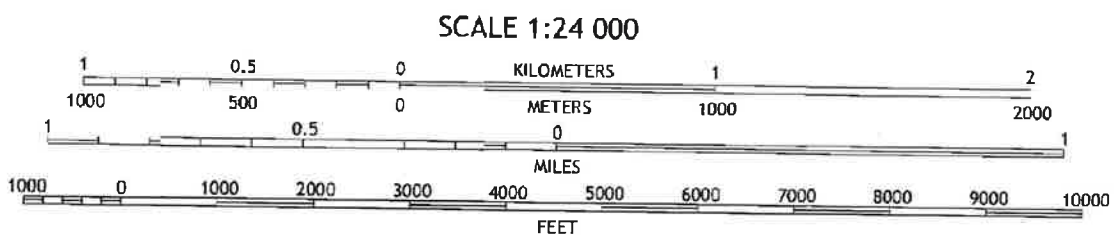
Signature: *By Jesse Lassley, Its Manager* Date: *11/12/21*  
Name (typed or printed): Jesse Lassley  
Title/Position (if applicable): Owner



Map shown is a portion of USGS UT\_Mount\_Aire Quadrangle, 2020



UTM GRID AND 2018 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET  
 GN  
 MN  
 11°10' 199 MILS  
 0°27' 8 MILS



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET  
 NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988

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**FIGURE 1**  
**General Location Map**

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U.S. National Grid
Scale: 1" = 2000'
Drawn: BJC
Design: BJC
June 17, 2021
1 of 1

Revisions

**LEGEND**

- Small Mine Area (20 ac)
- - - - Parcel Line
- Access Road or Point
- Power Pole

**NOTES:**

- Aerial photo from Google Earth (Imagery Date 9/11/2020)
- Offset:**
  - Property Lines: 25ft (mining)
  - Property Lines: 0ft (any disturbance)
    - Only along entrance road location
  - Powerpoles: 50ft



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**FIGURE 2**  
**Operations Map**



Revisions

Revision	Description

June 17, 2021  
 Design: BJC  
 Drawn: BJC  
 Scale: 1" = 300'  
 Drawing Number:  
**F - 2**  
 1 of 1