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Snake Valley Mine (S/041/0040) - additional authorizations needed

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Hi Michael and Oren,

I called Oren earlier about some problems that we have with the scaled-down drilling portion of the small mining operation as shown on the attached map in the small mine Notice.

Oren indicated that the plan would be to drill holes from the road. Given the steepness of the rock outcrop, perhaps the two lower hole locations shown could be drilled, but the upper hole location would probably require some significant excavation to create a drill pad.

It appears to me that the road is a Sevier County road, and that you would need to get their approval before modifying it or, I assume, temporarily closing it.

Also, it appears that the drainage in the southeast end of the 1 acre proposed exploration area would need to be filled with material from drill pad construction, at least for the hole further up the hill. Since the drainage has an apparently-perennial creek in it, backfilling this drainage would require a stream modification permit through the Utah Division of Water Rights.

Before the Division can issue a permit or identify the Notice as tentatively complete, we will need you to either provide the Division with authorizations from the county and the Division of Water Rights, or else modify and/or clarify the plans in your current Notice.

Let me know if you have questions. Thanks.

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