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Mr. Larry Gore
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Re: Permit Inspections, Various Permit Areas, Washington County, Utah

Dear Larry:

Thanks for the permit updates on the Plataclay, Desert Mining, Pacific Mineral and Mesa Lode permits. Your professional oversight in these areas certainly helps the Division keep track of operators in your area without always to have to inspect the sites personally.

S/053/011 - Plataclay/ Jerry Henderson is presently an active permit with all fees paid. We haven't received any indication from the operator as to what his future plans are regarding this site.

S/053/037 - Deseret Mining/ Jack Doyle is presently listed in our files as "site abandoned" on March of 1996. The last correspondence we received concerning this site was in January of 1994 when Jack Doyle stated that he was no longer associated with Desert Mining Company. The last address we have on him was 6340 Greyhawk Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89108. I don't know if that will help you any but that's all we have on the site.

S/053/055 - Pacific Minerals/ Ron Chauncey is presently active and the only correspondence we have received concerning this site has been from Chauncey. All fees have been paid and all reporting is up to date. It was good to hear that the letter from Powell was not telling us that additional work had taken place that we were not aware of.

S/053/057 - Mesa Lode - Gene Hodges has never paid any fees on this notice. We have sent him a final notice and are ready to send him to collections. The Division recently adopted a policy of sending notices back to the operators when fees are not included with the application, we won't even review them until fees are paid. It saves us the hassle of trying to run down these people when they won't answer our inquiries.

I really appreciate your follow-up on the Pacific Mineral/ Jack Powell matter. Our premonition that this is a result of an internal dispute may be valid. Until we know for sure what's going on, I guess we just have to visit the area once in a while to check.

Thanks again for your assistance with everything. I'm looking forward to visiting with you if I get down in that area.

Sincerely,

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Date: 10/19/00 2:50PM
Subject: Inspections

I took advantage of the beautiful weather and inspected four sites in the southwestern part of the area yesterday.

S/053/011 - Jerry Henderson/Plataclay
No significant change to this site for several years - about 1 acre of disturbance. Recent truck tracks into site with small amount of Chinle clay material dumped - not sure whether this was Henderson or local builders getting rid of clay from building sites.

S/053/037 - Doyle/Desert Mining
This site was disturbed, but has naturally reclaimed except for an abandoned Caterpillar loader which was left on site. It is being vandalized, and is attracting other trash dumping. What is the status of the UDOGM file, and what is the most current address you have for the operator?

S/053/055 - Pacific Minerals/Chauncey
Work described in notice has been done - about 4750' of 8' wide road (Federal and private land), 3 small excavations totalling less than 5 cubic yards removed (federal land), and a bermed and plastic lined pad at the plant site (private land). There is no evidence of any kind of seperation equipment or process having been done on this pad. The work is done in Section 28 with no apparant overlap onto Powell's claims.

I did not see any evidence of significant work on the western block of Powell's claims, but did not get a chance to look over the eastern block.

S/053/057 Gene Hodges
No work done on the claims yet. Claims have not been closed, so BLM won't close notice yet.