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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Anthony A. Gallegos, Senior Reclamation Specialist aag

RE: Site Inspection, Thomas Excavating, Peacock Project, S/055/008, Wayne County, Utah

Date of Inspection: September 21, 2000
Time of Inspection: 0830 - 0910
Conditions: Windy and partly cloudy
Participants: Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the site while in the general vicinity

The most visible disturbance at this site was the access road leading off of the main road up to an open cut in the hillside. In addition there was a pile of wooden wall sections near the base of the slope below the excavation. There were no signs of recent activity in this area and the excavation may be old. Below the open cut were an assortment of ORV paths and roads winding through the junipers with some wood debris along several paths. The open cut includes a rock highwall, approximately 15 feet in height. The site includes numerous roads or trail disturbances with evidence of a lot of ATV activity in the area.

A wooden claim marker was found at the northwest end of the cut, but there was no claim information posted. There were fence posts set up with a cable gate hanging across the access road leading up to the open cut. The affected area of the open cut is less than .2 of an acre. It is difficult to estimate the amount of road disturbance attributable to this mine operation due to the large number of wandering roads and trails. Photographs of the excavation were taken looking toward the northwest and the southeast.

Another small bladed disturbance was located just off the paved access road. This disturbance appears to be a ramp created for loading or unloading heavy equipment. In this same general area was a small pit and a shallow trench. The pit was approximately 8 feet wide by 15 feet long and three feet deep. Additional photographs were taken to document the current site disturbance.

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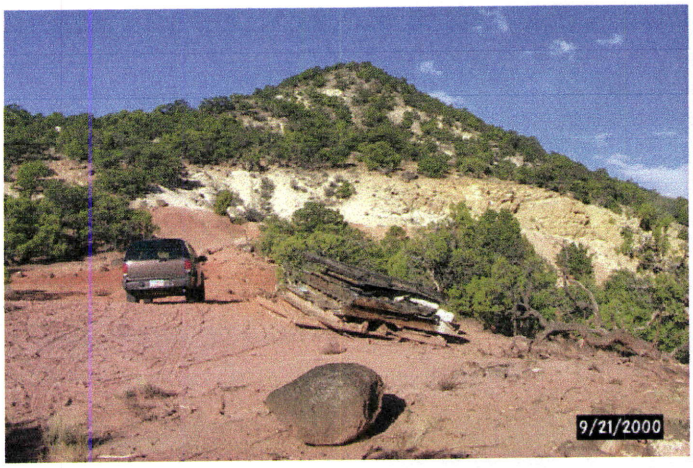
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