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Mr. Horst Greczmiel, CEO Associate Director
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Dear Mr. Greczmiel:

I am in the final phases of completion of a total approval of a Plan of Operations to do 10,000' of diamond drilling and 2,000' of mechanized trenching on my 9 unpatented mining claims near Dixie, Idaho. The Nez Perce National Forest located at Elk City, Idaho is the local U.S. Forest headquarters.

Let me reiterate the sequence of events. This is the second time around to do the same project. The first time P.O.O. #1 was submitted 4-10-93 and took until 5-11-95 to be approved. The timeframe to do this work was to be 3 years or terminate 5-11-98. However, at the very end--and never discussed until the date of approval, 17 changes and additions were included. Many of these were terribly detrimental to being able to operate efficiently and effectively.

1. No permanent bridge allowed.
2. Cut no trees within 300' of a creek.
3. One year out of three to do project.

5-11-98 approached so I filed P.O.O. #2 on 10-24-97 in hope of approval for the same project but including a permanent bridge 55" wide x 40' long to cross Big Creek, The project requires parking and fording Big Creek with a 1-mile hike or ATV or trail bike ride to the diggings. During the first P.O.O. I was, by myself, only able to do trail or future road work, so at this point after waiting 4½ years for the U.S. Forest Service to approve my P.O.O. #2, it has finally been approved. As before, however, they, unannounced, waited to drop about a dozen outrageous mitigation points into the project.

The P.O.O. #1 only required a bond of \$3,500, based on the reclamation. P.O.O. #2 in 7 years and now covering the same project requires a \$40,000 bond. Some wages are \$32 per hour plus a 35% administrative charge for their time.

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They (USFS) expect the old road to be reclaimed back down to 20" or a trail. This totally defies SR2477. On top of this, the Forest Service at Elk City under Kevin Martin and Bruce Bernhardt expect me to fill in and destroy my discoveries in the old hand-dug trenches by September of this year, 2002, or they will confiscate my old \$3,500 bond and do the work. I gave them 3 letters written by potential lessees who would like to make a field exam and inspect the property but probably cannot make it until a later date. This meant nothing to the Forest Service and, in fact, they couldn't care less, even though they agreed that getting the letters was a good idea.

If NEPA allows all of this activity, it is way overdue for a change.

These people in the Forest Service know nothing about what we in the mining field have to do and they don't care. I make trips to Vancouver, B.C. to try to promote my mining project. Lately I have been told how promising my property is in its present state of development. However, when they find out about the U.S.F.S. involvement I'm told "We will not work in Idaho, but we will work in Nevada." After 12 years or so of being involved with these NEPA-related bureaucrats, it's time to repeal the NEPA law. Anyone who uses it is entirely directing their efforts to shut us down and the whole country eventually will suffer.

Sincerely,



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