

**TTT Ranch Company  
PO Box 988  
Mount Airy NC 27030  
336-789-9111**

April 14, 2016

Mr. Tom Thorson  
Black Hills Bentonite, LLC  
P.O. Box 9  
Mills, WY 82644

RE: Black Hills Bentonite, LLC Permit to Mine 248C / Snyder Ranch Amendment

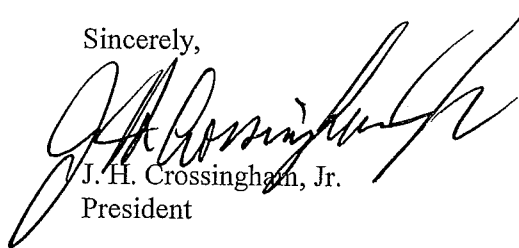
Dear Tom:

As you know, the roads and surface lands in the Snyder Ranch area are private. The purpose of our 1999 Road Agreement was to provide Black Hills Bentonite, LLC (Black Hills) access to some of its mineral interests. Your employees are authorized to use the roads only as necessary to conduct Black Hills' mining operations on Black Hills' mineral interests. TTT Ranch Company has never granted permission to any of your employees to use private roads on our ranch – or to enter on our private lands – to conduct their own personal business.

Enclosed is a letter I received from your employee, Bruce Lawson. Mr. Lawson asserts that for the past nine (9) years, Black Hills authorized him and seven (7) non-employees to use our private roads and enter on our private lands to conduct their own personal business. Mr. Lawson also asserts that, as your employee, he was authorized to conduct his own personal business on all lands within the boundaries of Black Hills' mine permit 248C. Black Hills has no authority whatsoever to grant any person the right to use or occupy our private roads and private lands for their own personal business. If you have attempted to grant such rights, then Black Hills has violated the terms of our Road Agreement.

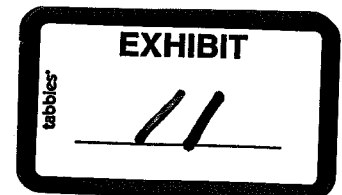
Take notice that Bruce Lawson and his seven associates are prohibited from entering any lands within our ranch boundary. In the event Mr. Lawson and his associates quitclaim to TTT Ranch Company all of their interest in all mining claims they located on our ranch, including the Bobcat claims, we will consider allowing Mr. Lawson to enter our ranch for the sole purpose of conducting Black Hills' mining operations on its mineral interests. Enclosed is a draft quitclaim deed for Mr. Lawson's review.

Sincerely,



J. H. Crossingham, Jr.  
President

Enclosure  
cc: Mr. Bruce Lawson



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April 14, 2016

Mr. Bruce A. Lawson  
4515 S. Skyline Rd  
Casper, WY 82604

RE: Bobcat Mining Claims  
Black Hills Bentonite, LLC Permit to Mine 248C / Snyder Ranch Amendment

Dear Bruce:

As you know, the roads and surface lands in the Snyder Ranch area are private. Your Notice of Intent to Locate (NOITL) identified only the lands on which you allegedly located placer mining claims. It failed to identify the many miles of the stock raising homestead lands you trespassed on and explored to arrive at that location. We were unaware you sent a letter to Mr. Chapin, as he did not provide any legal services regarding this matter.

The express purpose of the Road Agreement between Black Hills Bentonite, LLC ("Black Hills") and TTT Ranch Company was to provide access for Black Hills to some of its mineral interests. You and other Black Hills employees are authorized to use the roads only as necessary to conduct Black Hills' mining operations on Black Hills' mineral interests. TTT Ranch Company has *never* granted permission to you or your seven (7) associates to use our private roads or enter on our private lands to conduct your own personal business. Be advised that Black Hills has no authority whatsoever to grant you or any other person the right to use or occupy our private roads and private lands for your own personal business. If Black Hills attempted to grant you such rights, then it violated the terms of our Road Agreement.

TAKE NOTICE that you are prohibited from entering any lands within the TTT Ranch Company boundary.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that each of the below-listed persons, for whom you are agent, is prohibited from entering any lands within the TTT Ranch Company boundary:

Leslie Lawson  
5285 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Pkwy  
Denver, CO 80220

Daniel Himelspach  
5285 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Pkwy  
Denver, CO 80220

Jennifer Heath  
4484 Mountain View Dr.  
Casper, WY 82604

Mike Heath  
4484 Mountain View Dr.  
Casper, WY 82604

James Orpet  
P.O. Box 1589  
Laramie, WY 82073

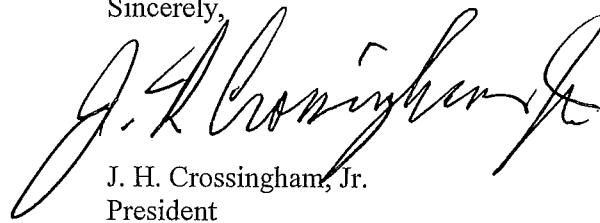
Jeff Grobe  
665 Shadow Mt. Dr.  
Prescott, AZ 86301

James (Jay) Lawson  
1541 Andover Dr.  
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Mr. Bruce A. Lawson  
4515 S. Skyline Rd.  
Casper, WY 82604  
April 14, 2016

In the event you and your associates quitclaim to TTT Ranch Company all right, title and interest in mining claims located on our ranch, we will consider allowing you to enter our ranch for the sole purpose of conducting Black Hills' mining operations on its mineral interests. Enclosed is a draft quitclaim deed for your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. H. Crossingham, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

J. H. Crossingham, Jr.  
President

cc: Mr. Tom Thorson

**BRUCE A. LAWSON  
4515 SOUTH SKYLINE ROAD  
CASPER, WYOMING 82604  
307-265-0373**

March 28, 2016

Mr. Jim Crossingham  
TTT Ranch Company  
A Wyoming Corporation  
P.O. Box 988  
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

**RE: Letter to Tom Thorson dated March 23, 2016**

Dear Jim:

I hope this letter finds you well. Late February and much of March has been unusually warm this year which should be a welcome change for Clayton especially if he is calving this time of year.

Tom Thorson gave me a copy of your letter referenced above. In your letter you have suggested that the Lawson Mining Claims (Bobcat Mining Claims) were improperly located. You have alleged that the locator of these claims has trespassed on TTT lands in order to locate and stake these placer mining claims. The locator of these claims is a current and long-term employee of Black Hills Bentonite, LLC, having been employed by Black Hills Bentonite, LLC for over 30 years. As an employee of Black Hills Bentonite, LLC, the locator has been authorized to use the access roads associated with the Black Hills Bentonite, LLC mining operations, more specifically, Permit to Mine No. 248C. In fact, one of the Black Hills Bentonite, LLC access roads intersects and is situated on the Bobcat mining claims. Therefore, no trespass occurred in locating these claims.

It should be noted that the Bobcat mining claims were legally located under provisions provided by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management regulations. All applicable federal and state regulations were followed in locating these claims. Prior to locating these claims the TTT Ranch Company received a Notice of Intent to Locate (NOITL) Placer Mining Claims of Stock Raising Homestead Act Lands. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the NOITL which you received. Additional documentation is provided consisting of correspondence from Ms. Pamela J. Stiles with the Bureau of Land Management indicating the NOITL was complete and that it met all the federal requirements prior to locating these claims.

Mr. Jim Crossingham  
March 28, 2016  
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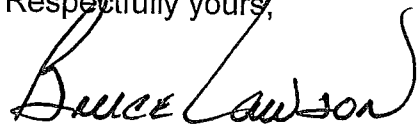
After the TTT Ranch received the NOITL, the documents were sent to your former attorney, the late Don Chapin. Don was a fine attorney and also a close personal friend of my late father as well as my sister Leslie Lawson. Don was a mentor to my sister Leslie when she attended the University of Wyoming Law School and he also mentored her after her graduation from law school. There are very, very, few attorneys left in Casper with the integrity, ethics and honesty that Don exhibited. You are fortunate that you retained his services.

Don and I had several detailed and lengthy telephone conversations concerning the NOITL that you received. After our discussions concerning the NOITL, Don had no objections to the proposed claims and gave his approval to proceed with the locating of the claims. Enclosed please find a copy of written correspondence to Don concerning the NOITL which was sent to the TTT Ranch Company and our conversation over the phone. If you have correspondence from Don refuting our conversations, please forward that correspondence to me.

Based on the mining records located at the Johnson County courthouse it is clear that other parties have also located and staked significant numbers of placer mining claims in the general vicinity of the Bobcat claims and Wall Creek. I can only assume that these other parties have allegedly trespassed across TTT lands in order to locate and stake placer mining claims.

If I can be of further assistance to you or Ms. Sabec, please contact me at my personal address.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Lawson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the closing "Respectfully yours,".

Bruce Lawson

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Enclosures

## QUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned (collectively "Grantor"), for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, CONVEY AND QUITCLAIM unto TTT RANCH COMPANY, a Wyoming corporation, ("Grantee"), all right, title and interest that Grantor has or may acquire in the future in and to any mining claims located on the lands described on EXHIBIT "A" including, without limitation, the following described lands, to wit:

**Township 41 North, Range 81 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Johnson County, Wyoming**

<u>Claim Name</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Recording Book</u> / <u>Page</u>	<u>BLM Serial Number</u>
Bobcat #10	Section 11: SE¼	321 / 71	WMC 293763
Bobcat #9	Section 14: NE¼	321 / 72	WMC 293762
Bobcat #8	Section 14: SE¼	321 / 73	WMC 293761

DATED EFFECTIVE the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

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Bruce A. Lawson  
4515 S. Skyline Rd  
Casper, WY 82604

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Leslie Lawson  
5285 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Pkwy  
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665 Shadow Mt. Dr.  
Prescott, AZ 86301

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
For: James (Jay) Lawson  
1541 Andover Dr.  
Cheyenne, WY 82001

STATE OF WYOMING    )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF NATRONA   )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by BRUCE A. LAWSON this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF WYOMING    )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF NATRONA   )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by JENNIFER HEATH and MIKE  
HEATH this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Witness my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF WYOMING    )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF ALBANY    )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by JAMES ORPET this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF COLORADO )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by LESLIE LAWSON and DANIEL HIMELSPACH this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Witness my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ARIZONA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by JEFF GROBE this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Witness my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the estate of James (Jay) Lawson this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Witness my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_