

# EXHIBIT A

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I conducted a mediation between 2U Ranch and Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC on September 7, 2018 at 9 am at the USDA/FSA conference room in Sundance, Wyoming. This mediation was conducted under the auspices of the Wyoming Ag and Natural Resources Mediation Program.

At 9 am both parties were in attendance and ready to see if they could negotiate the terms of a new surface owner agreement (SUA). Both sides presented their conditions and alternatives were presented and discussed. Both parties had conditions they would not allow to be altered or violated.

After two hours of discussion, it became apparent that the parties would not be able to reach conditions satisfactory to both sides that would allow a SUA to be finalized.

I called an end to the mediation to allow the parties to pursue other options at their disposal.



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John R. Barnes, Mediator