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May 12, 2017

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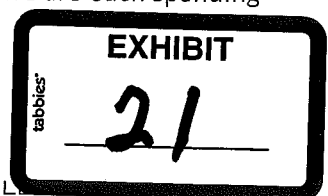
Dear Jim

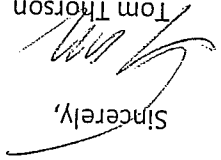
I regret that we have not been able to resolve your concerns regarding our application for the TTT claim #11. The only form 8 we have requested you sign is for this claim that you leased to us. I am not sure why you are reluctant to sign and I would like to discuss this with you.

This past year I was able to acquire road agreements with Emrick Huber and Mike Tobin that would allow me to exit the Tisdale area to minimize our presence on the TTT Ranch. This would then make it possible for me to release the road in Sec. 11 just north of the Snyder Ranch. We have additional bentonite on further south on Tisdale mountain that I had previously thought I would have to retain the road in Sec. 11. I had hoped that this would meet with your approval. With regard to TTT #11 we will rely on the DEQ for Form 8.

We will shortly submit to you the permit application for the balance of the Snyder Ranch area including TTT #10, the Herco minerals, and the Bobcat claim. With regard to your letter of March 22<sup>nd</sup> where you included all of our Butts patented claims plus other patented claims, and some non-patented claims as a requirement for your signature, I want to take a moment to shed some light on our position. The road through these claims, which is also our haul road for the Snyder ranch, also accesses a group of our undeveloped claims east of Wall Creek close to the rimrock. These claims are all on BLM lands. I can assure you that we will not be doing more mining on the patented Butts claims. I understand your interest with regards to your ranch that you want to remove as much dual ownership on your surface as possible. There may be room to discuss this proposal providing that we retain access to our claims on the BLM surface.

I would enjoy seeing your quarry operation in North Carolina and would like to meet you there if possible. My time to complete the Snyder Ranch area is getting compressed. I had hoped to have four years to complete our presence there by April 20, 2020, but now it is getting compressed into two years assuming the time it take the DEQ to approve our next application. I know that we are each spending money on attorneys and I would hope that wouldn't continue to be necessary.



Sincerely,  
  
Tom Thorson  
President