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Technically inadequate permit (WDEQ-LQD Mining Permit 267C – WSL04 – TFN #6 1/197)

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July 20, 2018

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RE: Technically inadequate permit (WDEQ-LQD Mining Permit 267C – Wyoming State Mineral Lease 42804 – TFN #6 1/197)

Dear Mr. Kyle J. Wendtland:

The WDEQ-LQD Mining Permit 267C – Wyoming State Mineral Lease 42804 – TFN #6 1/197) is technically inadequate for the following reasons:

Section 2.11.8.6 Post-mining Tree Restoration states “The permittee will not replant the destroyed trees unless the surface owner specifically requests restoration in writing. If a surface owner wants trees replanted, the permittee will include specific Reclamation Plan text which details the replanting methods and locations.”

We have requested in writing (see attached certified letter to Bentonite Performance Minerals (BPM) 11/13/2007) that all of the 10,936 trees that will be disturbed by mining to be replanted.

Section 2.11.41-6 Revegetation & Seed – The latest version sent by BPM eliminated the statement “However, the landowner, Lonesome County LC, has requested that no trees be replaced in the reclamation”. This was incorrect landownership. The landowners are members of the 2U Ranch, LLC not Lonesome County LC and we want tree reclamation. We would like the permit to be amended to reflect the true landowners and to state that we want tree reclamation.

Section 2.11.41 Wyoming State Lease 42804 (WSL04) Amendment Reclamation Plan does not include specific Reclamation Plan text which details the replanting methods and locations as required by Section 2.11.8.6 Post-mining Tree Restoration of the permit. We would like the permit to be amended to provide the required information on the replanting of trees.

Sincerely,

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SENT CERTIFIED MAIL
WITH RETURN

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RE: WSL 42804, Permit 267C amendment - tree restoration

Dear Mr. Severin:

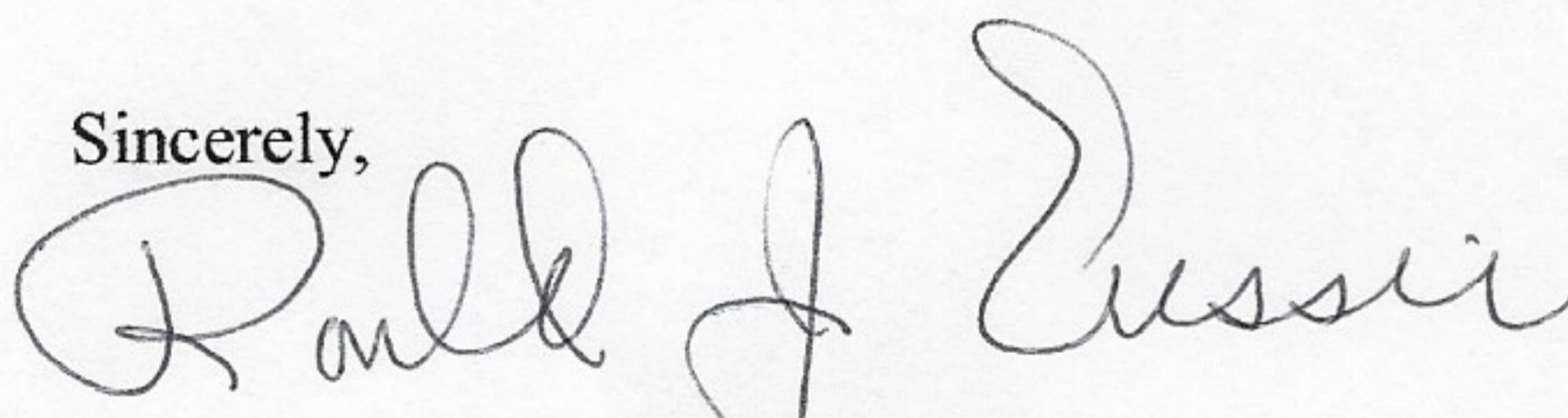
This letter shall serve as written notice that the surface owners of 2U Ranch LLC want all trees disturbed by WSL 42804, Permit 267C amendment mining to be replanted.

These trees have been as identified in 2.8 Vegetation, WSL 42804, Permit 267C, DEQ as follows:

- Disturbance of 86.23 ac of woodlands
- Density of 126.83 trees/ac
- The composition of the woodlands is 72.5% ponderosa pines, 22.5% bur oak, and 5% juniper
- Total of 10,936.55 trees (7,928.99 ponderosa pines, 2,460.72 bur oak, and 546.82 junipers)
- Pre-mining tree heights need to be quantified prior to disturbance.

We want the same acreage, density, composition, size, number, age and height of the trees that are removed to be replanted.

Sincerely,



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Manager