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October 8, 2018

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

The Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, Colorado hereby requests a 60-day extension of the comment period for the USFS's advanced notice for proposed rulemaking to streamline permitting for oil, gas, and mineral development projects published in the Federal Register on September 13, 2018. The proposed rulemaking is the first major revision to the USFS locatable and hardrock mineral regulations since the mid-1970s and the first for oil and gas since the early 1990s. As such, we need more time to adequately comment on this important process.

San Miguel County contains several historic metal and uranium/vanadium mining districts. We are proud of our mining heritage. Our county is over 60% public lands, and we have a long tradition of collaboration with our public land partners. Rulemaking and revisions are extremely important to us as a local government as well as our economy and our citizens. In order to provide meaningful and helpful comments we are specifically requesting additional time.

Thank you for your positive consideration of this important comment period extension.

Sincerely,

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kris Holstrom, Chair