



WINONA GOLD & COPPER
MINING COMPANY
ESTABLISHED 1907



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Wapiti/Clarks Fork Ranger Districts
203A Yellowstone Avenue
Cody, Wyoming 82414-9313

Anent

Summer Travel Plan
Sunlight Mining District

Dear Madame/Sir:

I am the manager and part owner of a patented mine in the upper reaches of Sulphur Creek, tributary of Sunlight Creek, Shoshone National Forest. This patent for many years has been referred to as the Winona Mine. It is designated as "NZ-23" on The Clarks Fork Ranger District Travel Management Proposal Map NZ-F, Upper Sunlight. The owner of record of this property is JOPE, Brothers, LLC., of which I am a principal owner and General Manager.

Until today I had no knowledge of any proposals to possibly change the status of use of Forest Service Road 108 which has been a mine access road to the Winona Mine since it was established by the Winona Gold and Copper Mining and Milling Company circa 1912- 1914. For approximately the past 35 years I have discussed with Shoshone Forest personnel various questions and issues regarding this road, including Randall Hall, Don Musso, Randy Herzberg, Brent Larson, Dave Myer, Terry Root and others. Many years ago personnel of Shoshone National Forest determined, based on established law, that owners of patented mining lands within the Sunlight Mining District have the right of ingress and egress along and upon the established mine access roads, of which Forest Service Road 108 is a part.

In reviewing The Clarks Fork Ranger District Travel Management Proposal Map NZF, Upper Sunlight it would appear that there is a proposal to change and possibly limit the present status of summer use on the southern part of Forest Service Road 108. If this is true I assume the proposal pertains to the general public and not the owners of the private property commonly referred to as the Winona Mine and designated NZ-23 on Clarks Fork Ranger District Travel Management Proposal Map NZ-F, Upper Sunlight. This would be especially true as neither myself nor any other agent of JOPE Brothers, LLC received any type of notice of any proposal that our usage of Forest Service Road 108 may

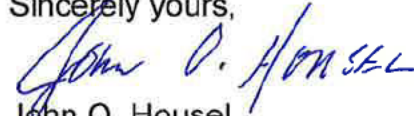
be restricted.

Regardless of whether notice was provided to an in-holder of private lands regarding a possible restriction of access rights, legal authority is clear, and personnel of Shoshone National Forest have long recognized, the right of access to the patented mining lands along established mine access roads in the area referred to as the Sunlight Mining District can not be restricted.

Although legal authority is clear that our right of access along Forest Service Road 108 may not be restricted, for the record, JOPE Brothers, LLC is opposed to any restriction of summer, fall, winter or spring use which may be proposed for Forest Service Road 108 located on the Clarks Fork Ranger District Travel Management Proposal Map NZ-F, Upper Sunlight.

Certainly telephone me at the above number or [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

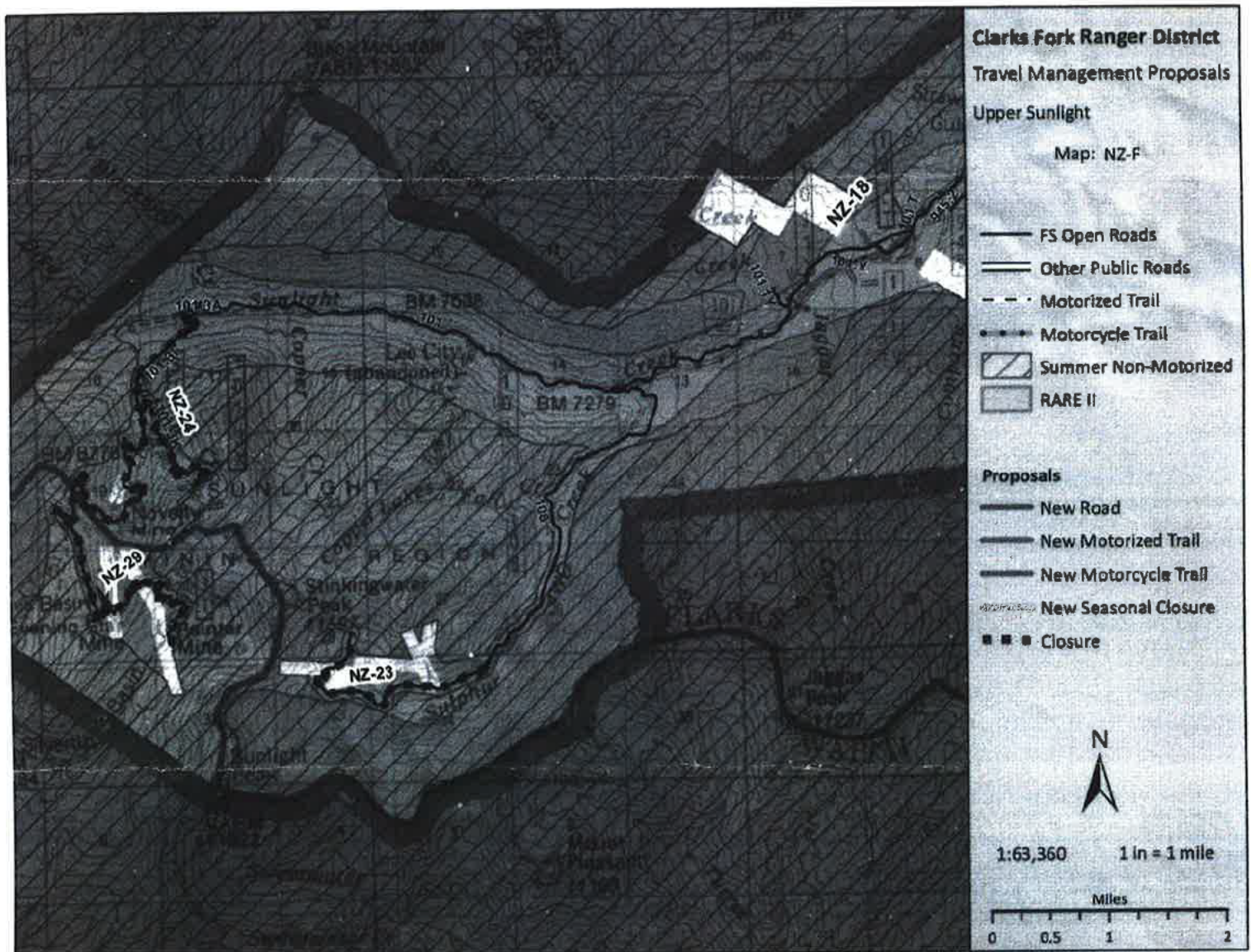
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John O. Housel". The signature is stylized with a large "J" and "H".

John O. Housel
Manager

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Shoshone National Forest Travel Management
Request for Public Input
Comment Form

Ranger District:

Comments on Current Proposals

1. Which proposal are you commenting on?

Clark's Fork Ranger District Travel Management Proposal - Upper Sunlight Map NZ-F

2. Provide comments below on the proposal: (continue on back if needed)

Please be specific and provide rationale for your position. In other words why do you like or dislike about the proposal.

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John O. Housel

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