

GMUG Forest Supervisor's Office
Attn. Nicole Mortenson
Mt. Emmons Land Exchange
2250 S. Main St.
Delta, CO 81416

To whom it may concern:

My name is Stephan Babler and I am writing in response to the open comment period for the Mt. Emmons Land Exchange. I have owned the Beeswax Lode Mining Claim, Survey #4005, Ruby Mining District for the last 20 years near the Standard Mine at the end of F.S. 732. Since 2002, I have accessed my property only with occasional special permission from the mine through the water treatment plant. With the future land exchange between the forest service and the mine, I would like to bring attention to the presence of private land owners and future access.

I am concerned I may lose access through this process. I would like to access my property this way with an easement on FS Rd 732. I am not trying to cause a problem; however, I just want to drive the forest service road to my property as I believe it to be my right with a survey number well before any of the red lady mining claims.

FS 732 is the least impactful route to my property. The only other access is Elk Creek Trail and it is currently not able to be driven. It would require major dirt work to Kebler Pass and would open up access to the public, which would have an environmental impact and put people into FS 732 (which is closed to public vehicles).

Rumors through the grape vine are that the mine is looking into developing a reservoir in order to utilize water rights. I fear that this will cause issues for my property by Elk Creek. Depending on the construction, the mine might have to secure easements from me in order to dam the creek. I am interested in an easement to have permanent access to my property via FS 732.

As the land exchange is continued to be worked on, I ask that I as a private land owner will not be forgotten about. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Stephan Babler