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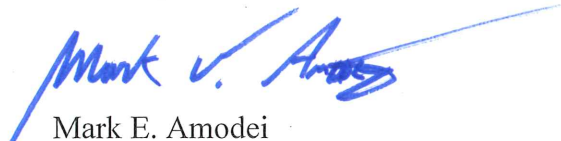
Dear Mr. Eben,

It is my understanding that you are the decision maker for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Painted Rock Mine application, submitted by Knox Excavation. As such, my office has become aware of concerns regarding the EA and the lack of notification to agencies and affected individuals in the region.

I am concerned after talking to Douglas County and the Bureau of Land Management, as well as other affected individuals in the region, that the fulfillment of the notification and cooperating agency requirements of NEPA are weak at best. Accordingly, request is hereby made that you reopen the public comment period, and specifically designate Douglas County and the Bureau of Land Management as cooperating agencies for the purposes of ensuring that your public comment and cooperating agency files are complete regarding the subject EA.

Kindly advise at your earliest convenience.

Cordially,



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