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Hi Eric,

This email is a follow up to my question on May 15, 2020 regarding the Reclamation Fee and Exploration Operations during the negotiated rulemaking meeting.

I think I mentioned during the meeting that I represent Keceph Mountain LLC, a small family mining operation in the Silver Valley area.

Thank you so much for clarifying during the meeting that 068 application fees apply to Reclamation Plans and not to Exploration Operations. Will you consider including language in the rule to reflect that clarification?

I think if you clarify in the rules that the fees don't apply to exploration operations, it would be helpful to a lot of smaller mining operations, encourage more exploration, which in turn, support maximizing the returns to the endowment.

Thanks so much for considering,  
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