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Trais Kliphuis, Executive Director  
New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee  
121 Tijeras Avenue, NE, Suite 1000  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Re: Response to Notice Pursuant to CERCLA Section 104(b) Regarding the Bonita Peak Mining District Site, San Juan County, Colorado

Dear Ms. Kliphuis:

Thank you for your letters of September 6, 2016 and November 1, 2016, confirming your interest in coordinating with the EPA and other trustees in "assessments, evaluations, investigations and planning," as described in the National Contingency Plan, at the Bonita Peak Mining District Site ("Site").

The EPA is proceeding with a Remedial Investigation, Human Health Risk Assessment and Ecological Risk Assessment at the Site. I invite your office to coordinate with EPA staff on these investigations and assessments. The EPA has formed a Biological Technical Assistance Group (BTAG) for the Site and invites your office to participate. The purpose of the BTAG will be to advise Site managers on ecological studies to better inform Site investigations and actions. Rebecca Thomas is EPA's lead Remedial Project Manager for the Site and is the best first contact for coordination at the Site. She can be reached at (303) 312-6552 or [thomas.rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:thomas.rebecca@epa.gov). Please provide a technical staff point of contact from your office to Ms. Thomas for coordination.

Thank you again for your interest in working with the EPA and other trustees at the Site. Please feel free to contact me by phone at (303) 312-6925, or by email at [Bohan.suzanne@epa.gov](mailto:Bohan.suzanne@epa.gov) if you have any questions. I look forward to the collaboration between our Agencies as we move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Suzanne J. Bohan".

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