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Mr. Ed Collins
U.S. Forest Service
Santa Fe National Forest
Espanola Ranger District
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Dear Mr. Collins:

On behalf of Jim Gross and myself, I would like to thank you for the time you spent with us on August 31, 1979, examining AMAX Exploration, Inc's. drilling activities on Hole Nos. 847-1, 847-2, 847-3, and 847-4 in the Espanola Ranger District. The following is my understanding concerning the reclamation efforts which you feel are necessary within the areas affected by AMAX Exploration, Inc's. drilling activities.

North of the Northeast Gate to the Baca Location No. 1

At this location seeding will not be required. AMAX Exploration, Inc. personnel will place logs or fallen timber over the area that was traversed by the drill rig which is not on the road.

Hole No. 847-4

The main objective at this location is to direct the water off the road into a natural drainage. To meet this objective AMAX Exploration, Inc. personnel will construct two or three permanent water bars. We will level off the road with cuttings removed from Hole Nos. 847-1 and 847-2. It is my understanding that if we cannot accomplish this work with rakes and shovels, we have the U. S. Forest Service's permission to bring a bulldozer in to the site. In addition, at this drill site AMAX Exploration, Inc. personnel will rake up all broken PVC pipe.

Additional Road Use Between Hole Nos. 847-3 and 847-4

Seeding will not be required at this location. We will move the logs, which were cut from the tree that was obstructing the original road, to the affected location. In addition, AMAX Exploration, Inc. personnel will block off the affected area with fallen timber.

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Spring Between Hole Nos. 847-3 and 847-4

At this location we will construct a permanent water bar suitable for heavy duty use. The objective of this water bar will be to insure that the spring flows into its natural drainage and does not flow down the road.

Hole No. 847-2

Given the visual impact of the cuttings at this drill site, AMAX Exploration, Inc. personnel will remove cuttings from the grassy area around the drill site and place them either on the road or at Hole No. 847-4. The cuttings will be raked out to a thinner depth on the bank at Hole No. 847-2. It is my understanding that the cuttings will be left on the road for stabilization purposes and possibly covered with dirt to minimize visual impact.

Hole No. 847-1

Given the visual impact of the cuttings at this drill site, AMAX Exploration, Inc. personnel will haul the cuttings to another location. The cuttings will be used for road fill at either Hole Nos. 847-2 or 847-4. It is my understanding that seeding of the meadow is not necessary.

I would like to thank you again for accompanying us to these drill sites and for your comments on AMAX Exploration, Inc's. reclamation efforts. If I have misinterpreted any of your comments or neglected to mention any other efforts which you feel are necessary, please do not hesitate to call me. I look forward to meeting with you in the future to visit the other drill sites in the Espanola Ranger District.

Sincerely,

Wendy E. Merrill

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