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Peter Butler
Chair, Bonita Peak CAG

Sent via email

Dear Mr. ~~Butler~~ *Peter*:

Thank you for providing the foundational documents prepared by the Bonita Peak CAG as it has become organized over the last three months. The CAG will provide a useful focal point for information exchange among community members, EPA, other federal agencies and the state of Colorado about the Bonita Peak Mining District site investigations and cleanup.

The membership of the CAG represents diverse interests, and the group's plan to meet alternately in Silverton and Durango, with an annual meeting in New Mexico, will provide interested citizens in each community an opportunity to attend CAG meetings and participate in the group's discussions. The group's website is also a useful way to disseminate information to stakeholders from such a large geographic region.

We look forward to meeting with the CAG on April 25 to discuss the recently finalized Aquatic Baseline Ecologic Risk Assessment and EPA's initial goals for the site. In the future, we hope to provide information to the CAG about the Human Health Risk Assessment, the Terrestrial Risk Assessment and proposed interim remedial actions. Should the CAG identify additional topics of interest, we would welcome the opportunity to provide information about those at upcoming meetings.

As you know, we have included information about the CAG formation and upcoming meetings in the Bonita Peak Mining District newsletter and on the Bonita Peak website. Now that the group has been formally organized, I will make sure it is also listed as one of the CAGs nationally at:

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/where-are-community-advisory-groups>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Peterson".

Cynthia Peterson
Community Involvement Coordinator

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