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Dear Mr. Sweet;

We reviewed the Exploration Notice of Intent F3 Gold filed with our office on September 15, 2020. The Notice appears to be substantially complete. However, when we conducted an inspection of the site on September 23, 2020, Brandon Isakson pointed out several discrepancies between the map provided to DENR and the one currently being worked on with the US Forest Service. We understand some of the modifications to road and drill site locations are to accommodate concerns being raised by the US Forest Service as they proceed with the development of a Plan of Operations. We also understand there may be additional modifications as the US Forest Service review continues.

Once site modifications and negotiation with the US Forest Service are completed, F3 Gold must submit an updated map as required under SDCL 45-6C-9 and 45-6C-6(3). DENR needs the updated map to coordinate site review with other consulting state agencies as outlined in SDCL 45-6C-10 and 11. For your planning purposes, DENR needs at least 20 days between receipt of F3 Gold's finalized map and DENR's issuance of written EXNI restrictions.

Once we receive the updated map, we and our supporting review agencies will begin development of a restriction letter for the operation. Assuming you submit the updated map to DENR well in advance of the USFS completing its POO, DENR's restriction letter will be issued upon receipt of the finalized and signed US Forest Service Plan of Operations.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

\s/

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