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Re: Extension of Comment Period of Environmental Assessment for Mineral Exploration Drilling,
NEPA CA065-EA-2007-76

Dear Sir or Ma'am;

The Ridgecrest Field Office is processing an exploration plan of operations from Timberline Resources Corporation of Coeur d'Alene, ID. This proposal describes drilling seven holes to define the occurrence of precious metals in a section of public lands in the southern part of the Inyo Mountains, Inyo County California. An environmental assessment for this proposal was mailed to several recipients July 25, 2008. Through an oversight, that mailing did not include the date for comments due. A draft copy of a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was later mailed out and a comment date fixed as August 29, 2008. However, it seems to me that there might be a possibility of confusion because of having two separate mailings on two separate dates.

I have accordingly decided to extend the comment period another month. Any members of the public wishing to provide comment may do so until October 1, 2008. Copies of this Environmental Assessment and proposed FONSI can be found on the Ridgecrest Field Office website at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ridgecrest.html>. Comments may be addressed to:

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Sincerely,

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