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"ROCK CREEK PERMITTING - THE TRUTH BEHIND THE SCIENCE"

Dear Neighbors,

It's natural that people have concern for the unknown, this concern is frequently fueled by either not having been provided the scientific data or misrepresentation of the facts. We at Revett believe that you are entitled to know the truth behind the science of approval of the Rock Creek project. After 16 years of gathering and reviewing scientific data, the permit process was completed with the issuance of the final joint Record of Decision ("ROD") in June 2003 by both the United States Forest Service and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

The truth is this. The environmental and socio-economic impacts of the Rock Creek project were studied not by Revett Minerals, but by independent federal, multi-state agencies and professional consulting firms working for and on behalf of the permitting agencies. The process of producing the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") ensures that the impacts of the Rock Creek project are both scientifically and independently determined. After over 14 years of study, a four volume EIS report was published, which was then extensively distributed for public comment to ensure that every possible impact was analyzed and considered. Another two years of review and consideration of comments resulted in issuance of the final ROD.

You are entitled to know who participated in the scientific review of the Rock Creek project to judge for yourself the truth behind the science. The USFS had at least 17 people studying the project with specialized expertise in forestry, watershed management, geology, geotechnical engineering, GIS mapping, soil science, scenic resources, transportation, vegetation, wildlife management, recreation and wilderness, cultural resources, aquatics and fisheries and socio-economics. In addition to these well qualified scientists, the independent consulting firms of Tetra Tech EM Inc., Winward Environmental, OEA Research, Lisa Bay Consulting and Maxim Technologies were hired to assist the permitting agencies in the review of all of the technical considerations described above. Also, a number of agencies were consulted on the project including the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Corps of Engineers, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare-Division of Environmental Quality, the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Consultation from these agencies assisted Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the USFS in the review and approval of the scientific data behind the analysis of the impacts of the Rock Creek project. The final EIS contains the results of this extensive independent review completed by the above groups with the sole purpose of protecting the environment and the public's interest.

These are the facts behind the approval of the Rock Creek project. We encourage you to read the EIS and the ROD which should be available in your public library or by contacting either the United States Forest Service or Montana DEQ. Then and only then can one make an independent and informed judgment about the Rock Creek project.

Sincerely,

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