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### **MINING PLAN OF OPERATIONS COMPLETENESS REVIEW: PLAN COMPLETE**

The Kirkland Mining Company (KMC) revised Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations (MRPO) AZA 37212 to conduct mining activities at T 13 N, R 4 W, southwest ¼ of Section 28 in Yavapai County near Kirkland Junction was received in this office June 22, 2017.

Consistent with the surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809.411(a), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has reviewed the KMC MRPO and has determined that the filed Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations meets the content requirements at 43 CFR 3809.401(b). The description of the MRPO is complete, but the BLM cannot approve the plan until the environmental review required under the National Environmental Policy Act is completed and the BLM completes all other Federal responsibilities such as any consultation required under the National Historic Preservation Act, tribal consultation and review of public comments on the plan of operations. At a time specified by the BLM after the completion of the environmental review the operator will be required to submit an estimate of the cost to fully reclaim the operation as required by 43 CFR 3809.552.

Note this notification does not constitute authorization to commence operations nor is the submission of a complete Plan necessarily adequate to meet the performance requirements of the regulations and avoid unnecessary and undue degradation.

Be advised the next step in the review process is for the BLM to solicit public comment on the Plan of Operations under 43 CFR 3809.411(c), either separate from or as a part of the environmental review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Soliciting public comment must occur before making an approved/not approved decision on the Plan of

Operations according to 43 CFR 3809.411(d). The BLM estimates we will complete our review and make an approval decision on the Plan by early 2018.

If you have any questions concerning this decision, please contact Shelby Cave, Geologist, at 623-580-5639.

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D. Remington Hawes  
Field Manager, Hassayampa Field Office