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Mr. Joel Gilmore
Arizona State Land Department
Title and Contracts Section
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Dear Joel:

I am in receipt of and wish to thank you for your notification of pending application (application no. 23-101717) for river access and raft launching purposes. Because the legal description is very vague, I am unable to determine the applicant's exact proposed access route and launching point. Potentially, Cyprus Christmas Mine Corporation commercial lease 03-30007, which provides for water production, storage and distribution facilities, could be affected. Additionally, State of Arizona Right of Way 18-38532, which authorizes the access roadway to the pumping facilities, and State of Arizona Right of Way 18-38531, which authorizes 4 inch and 10 inch underground water lines, could be affected.

I am interested in learning more about the applicant's proposal. For example, how many vehicles per day/week would travel to the access point? How people per day/week would the river tours include. How many rafts per day/week would be on the river. Is this a seasonal operation? Would the tour operator assume any and all liability for death, injury or property damage -- including damage to third party owners? Would the tour operator provide road maintenance?

If the assumed impacts to the above cited commercial lease and rights of way are correct, Cyprus Christmas Mine Corporation would protest the issuance of the pending application. Over the years the Christmas Mine has been plagued by trespassers, vandalism, theft and general property damage. The source of much of this damage seems to be tourists and recreationists who are attracted to the mine workings and facilities. There are other access and launching points on the river that would better serve property protection and public safety.

If you need further information, please contact me at (520)473-7161. Also, if you would like to visit the premises, I or one of my staff will be available to accompany you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jay W. Spéhar'.

Jay W. Spéhar
Sr. Landman

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