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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN
RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Dear George Barnes:

This letter authorizes the City of Tombstone to use mechanized and motorized equipment within the Miller Peak Wilderness per the conditions that are outlined below and within the attached Required Specifications document. I want to emphasize that this addresses only the immediate work necessary on the Gardner Spring system, as well as the stabilization and rehabilitation work required as a result of all of the work within the Miller Creek drainage. Any additional work needed will require additional analysis and specific authorization as appropriate.

Repairs to the Gardner Spring portion of the Tombstone water system will consist of reconstructing a catchment basin by hand at Gardner Spring, approximately 6 feet by 10 feet in size, and installing a 4 inch pipe, starting at the catchment basin and continuing approximately 3000 feet to the existing Miller Spring catchment. A mini-excavator will be used to bury the pipe along the west side of the Miller Creek Trail. Approximately 3000 feet of pipe will be installed. Total acreage impact of the project is approximately 3 acres.

Approved mechanized and mechanical work within Miller Peak Wilderness as follows:

Four inch pipe will be buried along the Miller Creek Trail, from the point where the pipeline from the Gardner Spring catchment basin intersects the Miller Creek Trail to the existing Miller Spring catchment where it would tie to the 7 inch main aqueduct portion of the system. A mini excavator will be used to dig the trench for the pipeline along the trail, bury the pipe, and rehabilitate the trail. Remaining repairs, including reconstruction of the catchment basin, and installation of the pipeline from the catchment basin to where it intersects the existing trail, will be completed by hand.

The City of Tombstone will be required to follow all applicable mitigation measures for wildlife, rare plants and heritage resources outlined in the Minimum Requirements Decision Guide (MRDG) and/or included as part of the required specifications provided with the authorization, including the road and trail drainage and stabilization specifications, which will be attached to and be made part of the authorization.



2. Equipment Authorized

- * One mini-excavator, up to a JD60 or equivalent.
- * Gas cutoff saw.
- * Chain saw.
- * 4x4 pickups and flatbed trucks, as far as the 1st crossing, as authorized in previous action.
- * 48" ATV or UTV.
- * 1 Generator.
- * Assorted hand tools.

(If other equipment is needed, please contact Sierra Vista District Ranger for approval.)

Refer to the attached Required Specifications for additional details on the specific actions and standards required per this authorization.

Workers shall carry a signed copy of this authorization at all times while working in the Miller Creek project area.

As to the next steps needed to continue to address maintenance and repair needs for the spring areas under special use permit, we will await further communication from you regarding your next proposal. As previously discussed, we will need substantially more lead time than we have had for the Miller and Gardner Spring work. It would also help our planning as well as that of the City of Tombstone, to consider the remaining work in one proposal, rather than one spring at a time. While we understand that sometimes it is impossible to anticipate everything that will be encountered in a project such as this, to the extent possible, please give careful consideration to all the work that you anticipate needing to do in each area when developing a proposal, so that we can avoid future delays and frustrations.

The existing authorization will need to be updated and reissued, accounting for the changes that have occurred since the issuance of the 1962 special use permit. We will be in communication with you regarding the process for reissuance of an updated special use permit.

If there are any questions, please contact Kathleen Nelson or Duane Bennett at Sierra Vista Ranger District 520-378-0519

Sincerely,

/S/ RICK GERHART
JIM UPCHURCH
Forest Supervisor

cc: Francisco Valenzuela, Diane Taliaferro, Duane A Bennett, Glenn P Frederick

