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RE: Ross Adams Project

Dear Ms. Riddle and Mr. Minckler:

Below is the Ross Adams CERCLA Project Monthly Progress Report update for the month of August 2024. This provides the information specified in the Statement of Work (SOW), as Attachment B to the ASAOC.

- ***Describe work performed during the prior month(s):***
 - **Removal Action Design** - Newmont progressed the 30% design of the remaining Removal Action elements. The 30% design was discussed on the June 26 conference call. The 30% design was submitted on July 10. The USFS provided comments on July 15 and met with the design team on July 18 and provided additional comments. A Revised 30% Design submittal was provided to the USFS on July 31, with a corrected attachment submitted on August 5. USFS provided additional comments on August 13. The comments and design were discussed in detail on the monthly project call on August 15.
 - **Surface Water Sampling** – Newmont conducted surface water sampling pursuant to the Surface Water Sampling Work Plan on April 30. The Kendrick Creek upstream sample location was not accessible on April 30, and that sample was collected on June 19. A second 2024 sampling event occurred on August 20. Results will be submitted in the Annual Surface Water Report, pursuant to the Work Plan, within 60 days of receipt of the final laboratory report.
 - **Haul Road Construction** – The project continued construction of the Haul Road improvements pursuant to the RAWP.

- **Conference Calls** – Newmont and USFS had weekly construction conference calls and/or on-Site meetings, and an overall project conference call on August 15.
- ***Provide a summary of all results of sampling, tests and all other data received or generated by Respondents during the prior month, unless otherwise reported in other deliverables or to be reported in Pre-Design Investigation Reports:***
 - None.
- ***Identify all deliverables that Respondents submitted to the USFS during the prior month(s):***
 - Newmont submitted the revised 30% Removal Action Design.
 - Newmont submitted weekly construction progress reports to the USFS.
- ***Describe all activities relating to Removal Action construction that are scheduled for the next month:***
 - Haul Road construction will continue in September with an anticipated demobilization date of approximately September 9 for the end of the season.
- ***Provide an updated construction schedule, together with information regarding percentage of completion, delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the future schedule, and a description of efforts taken to mitigate those delays:***
 - Newmont submitted a construction schedule to the USFS with the Haul Road RAWP. A revised overall Removal Action construction schedule was submitted with 30% Removal Action Design.
 - No delays have been encountered or are anticipated at this time in implementing the Haul Road improvements or remaining Removal Action elements.
- ***Describe any modifications to the Removal Action or schedules, including consultation with the USFS and approval by the USFS, when necessary, during the prior month:***
 - No Removal Action modifications were made during the prior month.
- ***Describe activities undertaken by Respondents in support of the Community Involvement Plan during the prior month and those to be undertaken, as requested by the USFS, if any, in the next month:***
 - No Community Involvement Plan activities were requested by the USFS.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 775-385-7324 or michael.chanen@newmont.com.

Regards,

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