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**RE: Ross Adams Project**

Dear Ms. Parker and Mr. Minckler:

Below is the Ross Adams CERCLA Project Monthly Progress Report update for the month of April 2025. This provides the information specified in the Statement of Work (SOW), as Attachment B to the ASAOC.

1. ***Describe work performed during the prior month(s):***

- **Removal Action Design** –The Removal Action 90% Design was submitted on January 20, 2025. USFS provided comments on January 30, 2025. The response to USFS comments and the Removal Action 100% design was submitted to the USFS on March 21, 2025. USFS provided comments on April 10. Responses to the comments were submitted to USFS on April 18. The USFS approved the 100% design on April 22. Hard copies of the Engineer Stamped drawings will be sent to the USFS Juneau Administrative Record file in May.
- **Ground Control and Repository Work Plan** – The Ground Control and Repository Work Plan was submitted on April 23. The USFS provided comments on April 29. Responses to comments and a revised Work Plan was submitted to the USFS on April 30 and approved by the USFS on April 30.
- **Removal Action Work Plan** – work was continued on the Removal Action Work Plan and associated documents.

- **Surface Water Sampling** – the first surface water samples for 2025 were collected on April 29, pursuant to the Surface Water Sampling Work Plan.
  - **Cabin Demolition** – Newmont submitted the Cabin Demolition Work Plan to USFS on April 21. USFS provided comments on April 23. Newmont provided a revised Work Plan on April 25 and USFS approved the Plan on April 25.
  - **2025 Construction** – Mobilization and construction began in April.
  - **Conference Calls** – Newmont and USFS had weekly construction calls beginning April 23 and project team conference call on April 17, 2025. Newmont and USFS had a conference call on April 16 to discuss cultural resource implications of potential on-Site or near Site cover material borrow sources. Newmont will submit an addendum to the Borrow Source PDI Work Plan in May or early June to describe additional investigations and cultural monitoring for potential borrow sources.
2. ***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:***
    - Sample results for the cabin material samples were included in the Cabin Demolition Work Plan.
  3. ***Identify all deliverables that Respondents submitted to the USFS during the prior month(s):***
    - See above under item 1.
  4. ***Describe all activities relating to Removal Action construction that are scheduled for the next month:***
    - Continued construction for the 2025 season, with weekly construction updates and conference calls.
    - Cabin asbestos abatement and demolition is scheduled for May.
    - The Removal Action Work Plan is scheduled to be submitted on May 15.
  5. ***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:***
    - A revised overall Removal Action construction schedule will be submitted in May with the Removal Action Work Plan.
  6. ***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.

7. ***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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