STAR GARNET MINING ISSUES

- IDI-38546
- IDI-38002



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- Located on Acquired Lands
  - USFS has Surface Management Only
  - BLM has minerals management (permitting and lease issuance, bond, royalty and land payments)
  - "Pending" sites are under USFS Law Enforcement jurisdiction
  - "Active" sites are under local County Law Enforcement jurisdiction
- There is NO TIMEFRAME for which anything has to be done
  - Any other regular mining claim filed on USFS or BLM land has a timeframe in which the gov't agency must reply to the applicant (usually with in at least 30 to 60 days)
- Mining Laws use the term "Discretionary"
  - the term "Discretionary" been taken entirely out of context from when the term was originally used in 1872, 1947 etc.
  - Gov't Agency employees hide behind the term when they are questioned for accountability after leading applicants on that their paperwork is being worked on

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- Told by Gov't employees that we are not a Stakeholder and have no Vested Interest while the applications are "Pending" and not "Active"
- Gov't websites do not show applications that are "Pending" so the public sees nothing there and assumes that it is free to file on or illegally dig on
- Any minerals below the surface belong to the US Gov't until the permit or lease holder discovers them
- USFS Tickets issued only cover the surface disturbance value not the garnet value
  - should be considered theft of Gov't property as it must have Royalties paid on it
- Treated as though we are the criminal while illegal diggers continue to take material with no accountability
  - i.e. Taking out 5 gal buckets and pickup and/or trailer loads
- Without our security camera photos USFS Law Enforcement & County would have virtually no cases for this
- USFS LEO told us that "his superior said maybe our cameras should be considered "abandoned property" and confiscated
  - they know the security cameras are maintained seasonally, so they are not "abandoned property"

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- The burden of proof
  - Tell us one thing face to face on site and then since it is not written down, we have to prove it was said
  - Rarely do any gov't employees take notes in any meetings
  - Feel that we may have to record conversations now as anything that is said will get denied
- Lack of communication and lack of transparency
  - Emails go unanswered, phone calls not returned, no status updates
  - Do not include us in meetings for any input as the miner(s) to answer any questions
- Each time Gov't staff changes they have to be re-educated
  - No handovers on projects, very inconsistent
- Gov't shutdown or pending = nothing gets done, pushed to backburner & forgotten about
- Reinventing the wheel each time = waste of time, money & efforts
  - Previous NEPA work on mining sites is not considered = start all over at beginning

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Illegal Diggers While "Pending" Status

Found a few garnets on Sunday!!!







Unwelcome by Gov't employees on site



STAR GARNET PROSPECTING PERMIT IDI-38546









STAR GARNET LEASE IDI-38002









GARNET MINING ISSUES HELP

What can you do to assist us with this?

- End the injustice of wasted years of time and lies we are being told
- Ensure that there is FULL Accountability in the Gov't Agency Offices
- Do more than "look into it" as other Representative's Offices have done with no movement forward outcomes
- Update all the Mining Laws to remove the word "Discretionary"
  - Mandate a statutory deadline to process prospecting permit and lease applications on Acquired Lands
  - no longer open-ended or "if we feel like it or not"
- Comply with the current Trump Administration's mandates on mining activities within the US
- Follow-up with the White House on our unanswered correspondence