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Proposed Action plan re: Barlow Group # CMC 107158-60, 107167, 120069 - Pioneer Mining Group.

I read the article in the Cortez Journal about the planning of the Rico-West Dolores travel plan. I would like to request (via email, if possible) a copy of the proposed plan of action. My family which are the above five persons listed have the log cabin (only cabin) along side the road on the Barlow Creek road from the Dolores side. My uncle, Louie Dunning, built this cabin in 1939-41 when he staked his mining claims. Unfortunately due to change in policies on Patent Claims we still hold 5 claims under the 1874 mining act which are non-patent. We do, however, do the annual assessment work needed and post a notice on the door. This notice - along with several other items manages to "sprout wings and fly away" on occasion. These five claims are contiguous claims and involve about 20 plus acres per claim. We also hold the "surface rights" as I understand it with these claims.

We have concerns about what might happen in regards to us and the property. For the past 60 years plus we have had vandalism, attempted burning of cabin but the tent frames did burn, destruction of the loading dock, theft of the large Monarch wood stove which was sitting outside awaiting repair items for the fire box. many broken windows, boulders thrown at the door in attempt to enter the building, destruction and theft of two spring boxes used for our water, attempted destruction of the out-door toilet which had to be replaced a few years ago, destruction of a spring closer to the cabin, the loss of almost all items inside the cabin at least 8 + times if not more, installation of metal plates with metal rings used to secure horses, installation of temporary corral to keep horses, destruction of many tent frames on the property and, frankly, about anything else you they could think of. We replaced so many stove pipes that were used for target practice that our family has found a way to remove the stove pipe each year. The theft/vandalism/destruction finally forced us to put bars at the windows which we don't like but they do help. I believe my biggest concern was the year (about 1960's) when I was told to get off the "forest service property" by a drunk hunter from the Norwood area who pulled a rifle plus a pistol in order to scare me. Fortunately, there was another jeep with me and the lady pointed the rifle out her window. My son, in my jeep, was having considerable trouble keeping our large German Shepherd dog inside the jeep. Anyway, to make a long story short - the other hunters calmed him down and they moved from the cabin site. Throughout the years many people believe this to be a "forest service cabin" and I guess this gives them the right to do whatever they want???

I can't state we are opposed to any plan you might have for the travel up the Barlow Creek road but we are definitely opposed and concerned about "WHAT IS NEXT" at the cabin because of this proposed plan. We are aware this is the only "flat area" for parking from the top to the bottom of Barlow and not everyone who stops there has good intentions. When the cabin was built - there was only a "trail" to haul the flooring, etc. up from the railroad at the bottom and no indication of any type of road. The road is still rough but our family likes it that way in hopes it will deter someone with not good intentions.

Mrs. Kill, this message is long but I thought you should be made aware of our situation and our concerns. I don't know the answer but perhaps you will NOT consider making our yard a place for folks to park and to "camp"

and even though I have instructed our family members to "be nice and explain the circumstances of the cabin area" - this does not go well with some of the visitors and many times we have been told this is "forest service property" and we have the right to stay here to camp, etc.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about this message. I can usually be reached in Cortez at 565-3880 - address is 705 E. Second St., Cortez and email is <headcortez@q.com>. I am the agent for this family and have been for many, many years so perhaps I could answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Thank you for your time. I worked with David when I volunteered at the Anasazi Center doing the "Wetherill collection" but now about everyone has retired except David and Rene as I understand it.

June Head