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Mr. Sheldon Evans
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Dear Mr. Evans:

I have contacted Mr. Len Ramp of our Grants Pass office regarding the inspection he made of your Red Hill group of claims last May.

Mr. Ramp actually was quite enthusiastic about your claims and stated that they certainly warranted further investigation by you. He replied to me that in reading over his report on your property, which included the assays, it didn't sound very encouraging but, on the other hand, he was impressed by the size of the mineralized zone and mentioned that he would encourage you to explore and sample further. You will note that Mr. Ramp's samplings covered fairly wide channels (12-foot intervals over a 36-foot width). He thought you possibly had a large low-grade property that could be worked by open pit methods.

I know that your approach to the mining of your property is one of looking for pockets. I would certainly not overlook Mr. Ramp's suggestion to you and would, as Mr. Ramp suggested, encourage you to do more sampling on a wide interval basis to determine if you do have an open pit operation.

Now as to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Ramp suggests, and I concur with his views, that if you would take selective samples of your claims which you know are mineralized and submit them to us for assay on the legal two-a-month basis, you are bound to come up with some very encouraging results. With this information at hand, then, I think you would be in a good position to refute the Bureau of Land Management's claim of an invalid location. Further, I would insist when the BLM people visit your property that any sampling they do be taken in your presence in order that you can evaluate their sample-taking methods and where the work was done. Further I would try to encourage them, when on your property, to sample those areas which you know to be of good quality. The only way that you can get these people off your back, it seems, is to present bona-fide basic data that you have made a discovery of valuable minerals. This is best done by obtaining good assays. Consequently I would suggest that in your next few visits to your property you concentrate on doing this. For the long pull, however, I think you should view your property as one that might be worked by open pit means.

Please give my regards to Mr. Ernest Butler.

Sincerely yours,

HMD:jr

bc Len Ramp

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State Geologist