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Dear Mr. Dellenback:

Re: Charles J. Polk, c/o Rainbow Mine, Caves
Highway, Cave Junction, Oregon 97523

Your letter of September 25 addressed to the Division of State Lands has been forwarded to this office for reply. We have discussed the matter of the BIM timber sales on the Rainbow (Siskron) mining claims owned by the parents of Charles Polk of Cave Junction, Oregon with the Lands and Minerals Division of the BIM here in Portland. The Bureau tells us that upon receiving a complaint from Mrs. Polk following the first timber sale on their claim, and just prior to the date for the second sale, the BIM immediately investigated the situation. Despite the shortness of time and difficulty involved they were able to stop the second sale in view of the fact that it might endanger life or interfere with mining operations.

As it now stands, the Polks have been advised by the Bureau that there will be no further sale of timber from their property until and if it can be determined that such a sale can be conducted in such a manner that their mine workings will not be unduly endangered. The Bureau further informs us that the timber on the claim contains some dead and bug infested trees which should be removed regardless of any future sales.

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We note from your letter to the Division of Lands that you are directing an inquiry to the Washington office of the Bureau and doubtless they can provide you with the pertinent legislation bearing on this matter. Basically the Bureau operates under Public Law 167 in the management of the vegetative resources occurring on lands under their jurisdiction.

We are enclosing a brief report on the Rainbow (Siskron) mine for your further information.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph S. Mason
Mining Engineer

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Encl.

cc Mr. William S. Cox, Director
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Mr. Charles J. Polk
c/o Rainbow Mine
Cave Junction, Oregon

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Dear Mr. Dellenback:

In order to better answer your letter of September 25 concerning Mr. Polk's problems with the Bureau of Land Management, I have been in contact with the Oregon State Department of Geology.

It seems that this situation has occurred before, and the Department of Geology has worked with BLM on this matter. To save time, the Department of Geology will reply directly to you. I have already forwarded a copy of your letter and enclosure to them.

I hope that Mr. Polk can satisfactorily resolve his problem. I will be pleased to help in anyway I can.

Sincerely,

/s/ William S. Cox

William S. Cox
Director

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cc: Mr. Ralph Mason ✓
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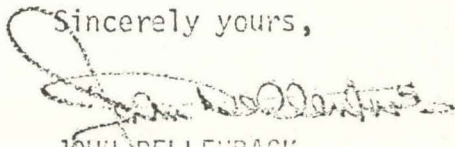
Dear Sir:

Enclosed is self-explanatory correspondence from my constituent, the above-captioned Charles J. Polk.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and providing me with a full report. An explanation of applicable laws and the rights of individual citizens would be helpful. I have also addressed a similar inquiry to the Bureau of Land Management here in Washington.

Your concern for my constituent will be gratefully received.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN DELLENBACK
Member of Congress

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Dear Sir:

I competed in the Congressional Scholar program but was not selected, much to my regret. I received a letter from you dated February 18, of this year, in which you said to feel free to contact you about our government.

My parents own the Siskron Group Mines on Sucker Creek in Josephine County. This mine has been inspected for mineral value by the mineral inspectors of the Bureau of Land Management and proved valid. In the last year, they, the Bureau of Land Management, have seen fit to mark up and sell timber off the claims. The first sell, we protested but did not fight for the stoppage of this sell because it was located over a deposit of low grade ore. While logging this area, the loggers destroyed all visible sign of the veins of ore that we have been testing. The veins will have to be relocated and opened up again.

The Bureau of Land Management have now marked another sell which will be directly over our main tunnel and high grade ore. Not only will they destroy open veins of ore, but it will be very dangerous to work there while they are logging.

These mining claims are located on public domain land and as I have said, are valid. What I want to know is what protection we have against the Bureau of Land Management in this matter. Are there specific laws governing mining and the use of timber on public domain land?

I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for any information or help you can give us.

Yours respectfully,
Charles J. Polk
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