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LES AuCOIN
Member of Congress
House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman AuCoin

Thank you for your letter of March 10 regarding your seat on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies.

I appreciate your comments regarding agencies that produce revenues; but feel that the Bureau of Land Management has in recent years reached the point of being over-sized and inefficient in its operation. I'm sure there are a few individual exceptions and areas that are under staffed; but this appears to be a matter of misdirection of efforts rather than lack of budget. The thought of combining the B.L.M. and U.S.F.S. (agencies with overlapping functions) should be appealing to anyone interested in reducing government spending.

Your comment regarding RARE II legislation prompted me to send the enclosed copy on the subject of withdrawals and their affect on our domestic mineral resources. These and the above comments are obviously my own and not an official position of the Department.

If you should ever need any information on geology and mineral resources feel free to call on us.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Len Ramp
Resident Geologist

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