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The Honorable Bill Owens
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Dear Mr. Owens:

Thank you for your letter dated April 22, 2003, to Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton regarding R.S. 2477. Secretary Norton asked me to respond to your letter.

The Department of the Interior looks forward to working with you to develop an R.S. 2477 agreement that works for Colorado.

Sincerely,

Rebecca W. Watson
Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management