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BECAUSE WE ARE A FAIRLY NEW SMALL MINING BUSINESS, IN BUSINESS SINCE 2007 WITH ONLY FOUR PEOPLE ON PAYROLL, THIS NEW PROPOSAL OF CHANGE TO THE NON COAL REGULATIONS WILL PUT AN EXTREME FINANCIAL BURDEN ON OUR BUSINESS. WHEN WE FIRST RECEIVED THIS PROPOSAL LAST YEAR WE IMMEDIATELY WENT TO OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRAD ROAE AND HE SAID NOT TO WORRY BECAUSE THIS WOULD NEVER PASS. HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY AN INCREASE IN FEES OF 1450%? THERE IS NO FEE AT PRESENT FOR A PERMIT, WHICH WE HAVE THREE, TO \$1450 EACH WHICH WOULD COST US \$4350 PER YEAR.

WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT THE STATE NEEDS TO FIND SOME MONEY BUT THESE FEES ARE OUTRAGEOUS. WE WOULD NOT MIND PAYING AN ANNUAL FEE IF IT WAS REASONABLE.

CURRENTLY IF YOU PRODUCE OVER 10000 TONS OF MATERIAL IT IS CONSIDERED A LARGE SURFACE MINING PERMIT. IF YOU PRODUCE A MILLION TONS I SUPPOSE THESE FEES WOULD BE JUST. WHAT IF YOU ONLY PRODUCE 20000 TONS? HOW FAIR IS IT TO CHARGE THE SAME FEE? MAYBE THERE SHOULD BE MORE PERMIT DESCRIPTIONS, EXTRA SMALL, SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, AND EXTRA LARGE TO JUSTIFY THESE FEES. ITEM D IN THIS PROPOSAL STATES A REASONABLE FEE. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT CONSIDER THESE FEES REASONABLE.

WE REALIZE THAT ROUTINE INSPECTIONS OF MINING ACTIVITIES ARE INDEED NECESSARY, BUT THE FEES TO PAY FOR THEM ARE WAY OUT OF LINE. HOW CAN IT COST SO MUCH FOR THESE INSPECTIONS AFTER THE INITIAL PERMITS ARE IN PLACE?

PLEASE CONSIDER OUR VIEWS ON THESE FEES. OUR SMALL BUSINESS CANNOT SURVIVE WITH THESE PRICES ALONG WITH THE INCREASE IN FUEL PRICES.

THANK YOU,

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