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Director of Planning

January 24, 1995

James Reddy, President
Pluess-Staufer (California), Inc.
P.O. Box 825
Lucerne Valley, CA 92356

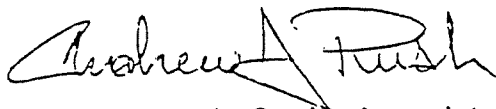
RE: RECLAMATION PLAN 94M-02; MINING OPERATIONS ON U.S.D.A. FOREST
SERVICE LAND

Dear Mr. Reddy:

Please be advised that your Land Reclamation Plan application has received CONDITIONAL APPROVAL subject to your compliance with the conditions listed on the attached pages. The Planning Department considers your conditions of approval and site plans your final development criteria/design. Therefore, any modifications and/or alterations may require the submittal of a Revisions application and approval prior to implementation of any proposed changes.

Should you have any questions regarding the above matter, you may contact me at (909) 387-4099.

Sincerely,

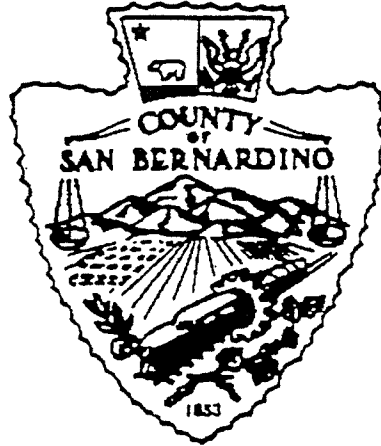


Andrew J. Rush, Senior Associate Planner
Policy, Environmental and Geographic Section

Attachments: Approved Reclamation Plan 94M-02
Approved Mining/Reclamation Plot Plans

cc: Raj Daniel, U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Jim Pompy, Office of Mine Reclamation, Reclamation Unit
George Webber, Webber & Webber Mining Consultants

Hearing Date May 26, 1994
Agenda Item 4
Approval Date June 11, 1994



745/MTN/92/008372/SMA/01
SMA/92-0001/M325-97N

RECLAMATION PLAN
(94M-02)

PLUESS-STAUER (CALIFORNIA), INC.
MINING OPERATIONS ON
U.S.D.A. FOREST SERVICE LAND

APPROVED

PLUESS-STAUER (CALIFORNIA), INC.
P.O. BOX 825
LUCERNE VALLEY, CA 92356

THIS RECLAMATION PLAN
EXPIRES ON
MAY 26, 2056

RECLAMATION PLAN

Addressed to: Department of Conservation
Office of Mine Reclamtaion
801 K Street, M.S. 09-06
Sacramento, CA 95814

Responsible Agency: San Bernardino County
Planning Department

Project Title: Mining Operations on U.S.D.A. Forest Service Lands

Reclamation Plan Number: 94M-02 Expiration Date: May 26, 2056

Name of Project Proponent: Pluess-Stauffer (California), Inc.

Address of Project Proponent: P. O. Box 825
Lucerne Valley, CA 92396

Project Location: Approximately three miles north of Big Bear Lake on the north
slope of the San Bernardino Mountains (T03N, R01W, Sections 23-26).

Type of Operation: Open pits and hill side quarries

Mineral Commodity: Limestone

Quantity of Ore: 250,000 tons per year

Estimated Operation Life: 62 years

Estimated Termination Date: May 26, 2056

Area to be mined and reclaimed: 195 acres

Total holdings: 3,220 acres

Maximum Anticipated Depth: 410 feet

Reclamation Time Frame: 62 years

Reclaimed to: Natural Open Space

Effect on Future Mining: Reclamation of the site will not preclude future mining should
adequate reserves remain at the conclusion of this operation.

An Approved Copy of the Reclamation Plan is Available at:

San Bernardino County
Planning Department
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, Third Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182

Contact person: Randy Scott, Environmental Team

Telephone: (909) 387-4099

By Andrew J. Rush
Andrew J. Rush, Environmental Team

Date July 20, 1994

This and supplemental documents for the nonproprietary portions of the:

Pluess-Staufer (California), Inc.

Mining Operations on U.S.D.A. Forest Service Lands

are on file with the:

San Bernardino County
Planning Department
385 N. Arrowhead, 3rd. Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182

and the:

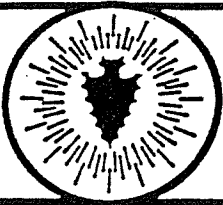
California Department of Conservation
Office of Mine Reclamation
801 K Street, M.S. 09-06
Sacramento, CA 95814

This Reclamation Plan, approved by the San Bernardino County:

Planning Commission

complies with the Mining/Reclamation Plan requirements of both the San Bernardino County Development Code, Title 8, Division 10, Chapter 1, Surface Mining and Land Reclamation and the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) of 1975.

The issuance of a Reclamation Plan for Mining/Reclamation by San Bernardino County, neither constitutes an endorsement of the project, nor a testament to the validity of the ore body.



NEGATIVE DECLARATION

385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182

Project Description

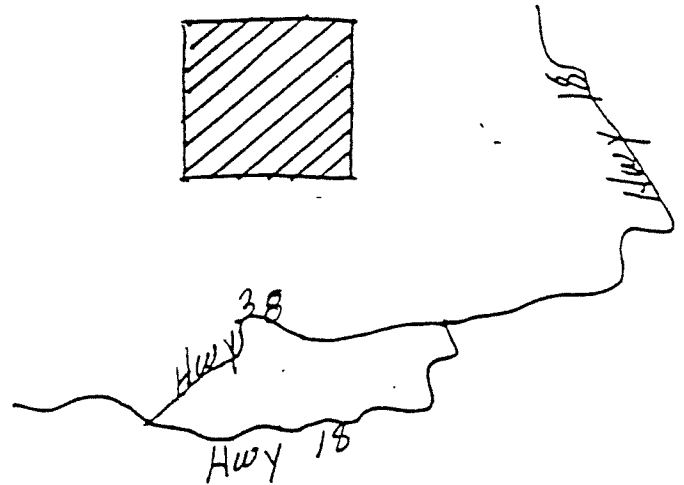
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DATES ID : 745MTN92008372SMA01/08372SM1
COMMUNITY : BEAR VALLEY NORTH/S3
FILE/INDX : SMA/92-0001/M325-97N

APPLICANT : PLUESS-STAUFER
PROPOSAL : RECLAMATION PLAN FOR EXISTING LINE
STONE OPERATION ON 161 AC

LOCATION : HWY 38 3 MI NORTH OF; HWY 18
6 MI WEST OF

REP('S) : GEORGE WEBER



June 11, 1994

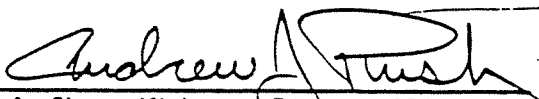
Effective date of Negative Declaration
(after ~~10~~¹⁵-day appeal period)

Plans and specifications for the referenced project are available for public inspection in the Planning Department.

Pursuant to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and the San Bernardino County Environmental Review Guidelines, the above referenced project has been determined not to have a significant effect upon the environment. An Environmental Impact Report will not be required.

Reasons to support this finding are included in the written Initial Study prepared by the San Bernardino County Planning Director.

This decision may be appealed by any aggrieved person, organization or agency. Appeals shall be filed before the effective date of the Negative Declaration listed above. The Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed with the appropriate fee at the San Bernardino County Government Center Public Information Counter during normal business hours.


for Sharon Hightower, Director of Planning
Signature and Title

5/26/94
Date of Determination

Attachments:
Initial Study and any
Mitigation Measure(s)

cc:

Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: San Bernardino County Planning Department
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Third Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino
385 No. Arrowhead Ave., 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130

Documentary Handling Fee (\$25.00)

Receipt Number _____

SUBJECT:

Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Description

DATES ID : 745MTN92008372SMA01/08372SM1
COMMUNITY : BEAR VALLEY NORTH/S3
FILE/INDX : SMA/92-0001/M325-97N
APPLICANT : PLUESS-STAUFER
PROPOSAL : RECLAMATION PLAN FOR EXISTING
LIMESTONE OPERATION ON 195
ACRE OF NATIONAL FOREST.
LOCATION : 3 MILE NORTH OF BIG BEAR LAKE
REP ('S) : GEORGE WEBER

Applicant

Pluess-Staufer (California), Inc.
Name

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Phone

Representative

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Name

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Address

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(909) 793-3416
Phone

State Clearinghouse Number 93032009

Andrew Rush
Lead Agency Contact Person

(909) 387-4099
Area Code/Telephone Number

This is to advise that the San Bernardino County Planning Commission *Lead Agency* *Responsible Agency* approved the above described project on May 26, 1994 *Date* with an effective date of June 13, 1994 *Date* and has made the following determinations regarding the above project:

1. The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations were were not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: 385 N. Arrowhead Ave. San Bernardino, CA 92415

Andrew Rush *Signature (Public Agency)* June 15, 1994 *Date* Planner *Title*

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
 CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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APPROVED OPERATING PLAN

DECISION NOTICE

U.S.D.A. FOREST SERVICE JANUARY 11, 1988

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

of the

PLUESS-STAUFER, (CALIFORNIA) INC. OPERATING PLAN

BIG BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST

Responsible Agency:

USDA Forest Service
1824 So. Commercenter Circle
San Bernardino, CA 92408-3430

Responsible Official:

Richard L. Stauber
Forest Supervisor
San Bernardino National Forest
1824 So. Commercenter Circle
San Bernardino, CA 92408-3430
(714) 383-5588

For further information contact:

Susan L. Odell
District Ranger
P.O. Box 290
Fawnskin, CA 92333
(714) 866-3437

Date:

January 11, 1988

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DECISION NOTICE

PLUESS-STAUFER (CALIFORNIA) INC.
LIMESTONE MINE PLAN OF OPERATIONS
SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST

Pluess-Staufer and three other limestone mining companies have extracted limestone from within the San Bernardino National Forest for many years under a variety of Plans of Operations and amendments. For a variety of reasons, most of the plans and amendments have become obsolete, incomplete, or for some other reason, no longer adequate.

Early in 1987, Pluess-Staufer and the other limestone mining companies were asked by the Forest Service to update their Plans of Operation for continued operations within the Forest. All four companies submitted their plans about the same time. Since all four operations were fairly close together, since there was an element of combined effects, and since all proposals were in hand at the same time, it was decided to evaluate them all in a single process. However, there will be separate decision notices for each operation.

Two public meetings were held jointly by the Forest Service and the mining companies. Public concerns were noted and were addressed in the environmental assessment. Each plan was then reviewed, assessed individually and then in combination. Negotiations over various proposed activities took place to develop individual plans into mutually acceptable packages from the mining law and resource protection standpoints.

Subsequently, an environmental assessment document was developed. Whether mining companies can mine National Forest lands or not was not an issue. The General Mining Law of 1872 grants the right to mine. Issues and concerns addressed in the plan and the environmental assessment were confined essentially to methods, resource impacts, impact mitigation, and reclamation. The assessment addressed the entire current and proposed Pluess-Staufer operation. The intent was not to revalidate previously approved activities, since most of those activities have proceeded and cannot be reversed. Where opportunities to refine activities presented themselves, such as in reclamation requirements, these opportunities were negotiated into the current plan.

The proposed Plan of Operations for Pluess-Staufer is to expand the Sentinel Quarry, to construct approximately 1.3 miles of road to access a new Cloudy Quarry, to develop the new Cloudy Quarry, and to relocate a portion of Forest Road 3N08. The Plan also addresses the reclamation of all post-1974 mining activities. The proposed Plan amounts to a negotiated change from an original proposal and includes a number of mitigation actions and reclamation activities that reduce the environmental impacts of the original proposal.

Based upon the contents of the proposed Plan of Operations and the environmental assessment, it is my decision to approve the mining and reclamation activities outlined in the Pluess-Staufer Plan, as amended by inclusion of the following constraints:

1. All mitigation measures identified in pages 42 through 66 in the Environmental Assessment will become part of the Plan of Operations, and the Company will be responsible for their implementation. Appendix E of the EA further defines these protection measures.

2. The Company will contribute annually to a wildlife mitigation effort as identified in the environmental assessment, as agreed to by the company, and as shown in attached Exhibit 1. The annual deposit to a Forest Service collection agreement will be \$15,820.00, and is to be deposited annually by January 15.

3. The submitted Plan of Operations is very comprehensive and specific with respect to rehabilitation of the Cloudy Quarry, but not so with the other quarries, disposal sites, roads, crusher sites or other disturbed areas. Approval of this Plan is conditioned upon the inclusion of the rehabilitation concepts of slope stability analyses, removal of identified slope hazards, removal or warning of other public hazards, removal of all facilities or equipment, final shaping of all disturbed areas (possibly including blasting to enhance visuals), placement of stockpiled topsoil and rootline material, placement of vegetative materials when available, proper seeding and/or planting and fertilization on all areas used after 1974.

4. All road construction/reconstruction is to be in conformance with road standards described in Appendix C of the Environmental Assessment. Specific Forest Service approval of the road construction/reconstruction design and resource protection activities is required before initiating construction.

5. Resource damage caused by the Company because of failure to comply with required mitigation measures, will be the responsibility of the Company to repair or replace as soon as possible, and to prevent additional damage.

6. Approval of this Plan is conditioned upon the deposit with the Forest Service of a reclamation bond, or other form acceptable to the Forest Service in an amount sufficient to cover reclamation of all disturbed or occupied National Forest lands. The calculated costs of reclamation as of the date of the decision is \$1,355,000.00.

7. A written package of standards and guidelines for acceptance of reclamation activities has not been completely developed. A set of written standards and guidelines that will apply to the subject Plan of Operations is to be developed by the Forest Service within 30 days of the date of this decision.

8. The Company will participate along with the other limestone mining companies, the Forest Service, other landowners, and other agencies in the development of a Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) to address environmental issues relative to the extraction of limestone deposits. The CRMP process is programmed to start within 6 months of the date of this decision.

In the Plan of Operations proposed by Pluess-Stauber, there are statements by the Company that differ from Forest Service opinions regarding the resource/environmental situation. Where this occurs, the Forest Service has relied upon the statements in the environmental assessment document. The Forest Service is willing to work with the Company to resolve any resource related issues, but is not requiring a rewrite of the Plan.

The Plan proposes one activity that cannot be approved as part of this decision. The collection or other disturbance of sensitive plants, seeds, or cuttings for studies or other use is an activity that needs the approval of the Regional Forester, based upon a specific proposal. The Forest supports the Company conducting appropriate studies of sensitive plants, and will work with the Company to get project approval.

It is recognized that the proposed mining activity removes some National Forest land from other traditional uses such as timber production, wildlife, and recreation. There are long-term and short-term environmental consequences that cannot be fully mitigated. However, based upon the environmental assessment, including mitigation activities, there will be no significant environmental impact from activities that the Forest Service has influence over, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. A copy of the Plan of Operations and of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the Fawnskin Ranger Station, P.O. Box 290, Fawnskin, CA 92333 and at the Forest Supervisors Office, 1824 Commercenter Circle, San Bernardino, CA 92408.

This decision is appealable by the operator per 36 CFR 228.14. If the operator wishes to appeal this decision, an appeal along with a written statement as to why the decision is in error must be filed with the Forest Supervisor, San Bernardino National Forest, 1824 Commercenter Circle, San Bernardino, CA 92408, within 30 days after date of notification to the operator.

This decision is also appealable by others affected by the decision per 36 CFR 211.18. Those wishing to appeal this decision must do so by submitting a written Notice of Appeal within 45 days of the date of this decision to the Forest Supervisor, San Bernardino National Forest, 1824 Commercenter Circle, San Bernardino, CA 92408. A statement of reasons to support the appeal, and any request for an oral presentation must also be filed within the 45 day period.

Richard L. Stauber
RICHARD L. STAUBER
Forest Supervisor

1/11/88
Date