

FOR CONTRACT NO.: 10-0S1704

INFORMATION HANDOUT

The Letter of Consent from USDA, Forest Service

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Dear Mr. Fernandez:

We have received your request for authorization to haul rocks, from a California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) slope modification project located near Carson Pass on Highway 88, to the Tragedy Spring Quarry located on the Amador Ranger District. We understand that the estimated amount of rock to be hauled is 10,600 cubic yards and that your project is scheduled to commence in September of 2010.

This letter, with the conditions outlined herein, will act as the Forest Service authorization to CalTrans or to their contractor to haul rock from the slope modification project site to the Tragedy Springs Quarry. Your contractor needs to be aware that the Forest Service is not conveying any rights of ownership to this rock or conveying any right to use this rock for any private purpose.

Additionally, since this rock is being removed from the Carson Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, you will also need to get approval from that unit of the Forest Service before you haul rock from this slope modification project. The authorization being given under this letter is only for hauling rocks to the Tragedy Springs Quarry on the assumption that concurrent approval has been given by the Carson Ranger District to have this rock removed to a location outside their district boundary.

In 2009, a Forest Service contractor hauled approximately 16,000 cubic yards of stockpiled rock from the Tragedy Springs Quarry. This was rock that had been previously hauled to the Tragedy Springs Quarry from a prior slope modification project completed by CalTrans. Consequently, we believe that the Tragedy Springs Quarry site can likely accommodate the 10,600 cubic yards of new rock material that CalTrans is proposing to haul from this current slope modification project. We cannot guarantee, though, that the quarry can accommodate all of this rock. Please realize that the Tragedy Springs Quarry site already has a considerable amount of existing stockpiled rock. Your contractor will have to work within the confines of that previously stockpiled material.



We have attached to this letter a copy of a survey drawing that was completed in 2009 of the Tragedy Springs Quarry site. This survey drawing shows where the Forest Service contractor in 2009 removed previously stockpiled rocks from the quarry. We ask that the rocks and rock debris, that is hauled from your project to the Tragedy Springs Quarry, be placed first in the areas where rocks were removed by our contractor in 2009. In addition, any unsorted rock hauled to the quarry would need to be kept separate from rock that we have previously sorted and stockpiled at the site.

We also request that you or your representative visit the Tragedy Springs Quarry site in person after snowmelt this year to develop a simple pit management plan that designates, on a drawing like we have attached to this letter, the primary locations at the pit where rocks from your project will be stockpiled. We would provide a Forest Service representative to accompany you on this site visit to discuss the particulars of the management of the site. The Tragedy Springs Quarry site is usually accessible and mostly free of snow by early June. Additionally, your contractor may need to regularly apply water to the quarry access road during periods of hauling in order to control airborne dust that could impact local private property owners in that area.

In addition, the access road that runs through the quarry needs to be maintained so that it is free from the hazard of falling rock. This would require that your contractor back slope and contour any new piles of hauled rock so that the likelihood of loose rock falling on the access road is minimized. In addition, your contractor would need to keep the gate to the quarry locked during periods when you are not actively hauling rock into the quarry.

We are only authorizing the haul of rock and rock debris to the Tragedy Springs Quarry. We do not want soil hauled to this particular quarry site. We may be able to provide an alternate location if you have a large amount of soil to haul. A very small amount of soil mixed in with the rock would be acceptable.

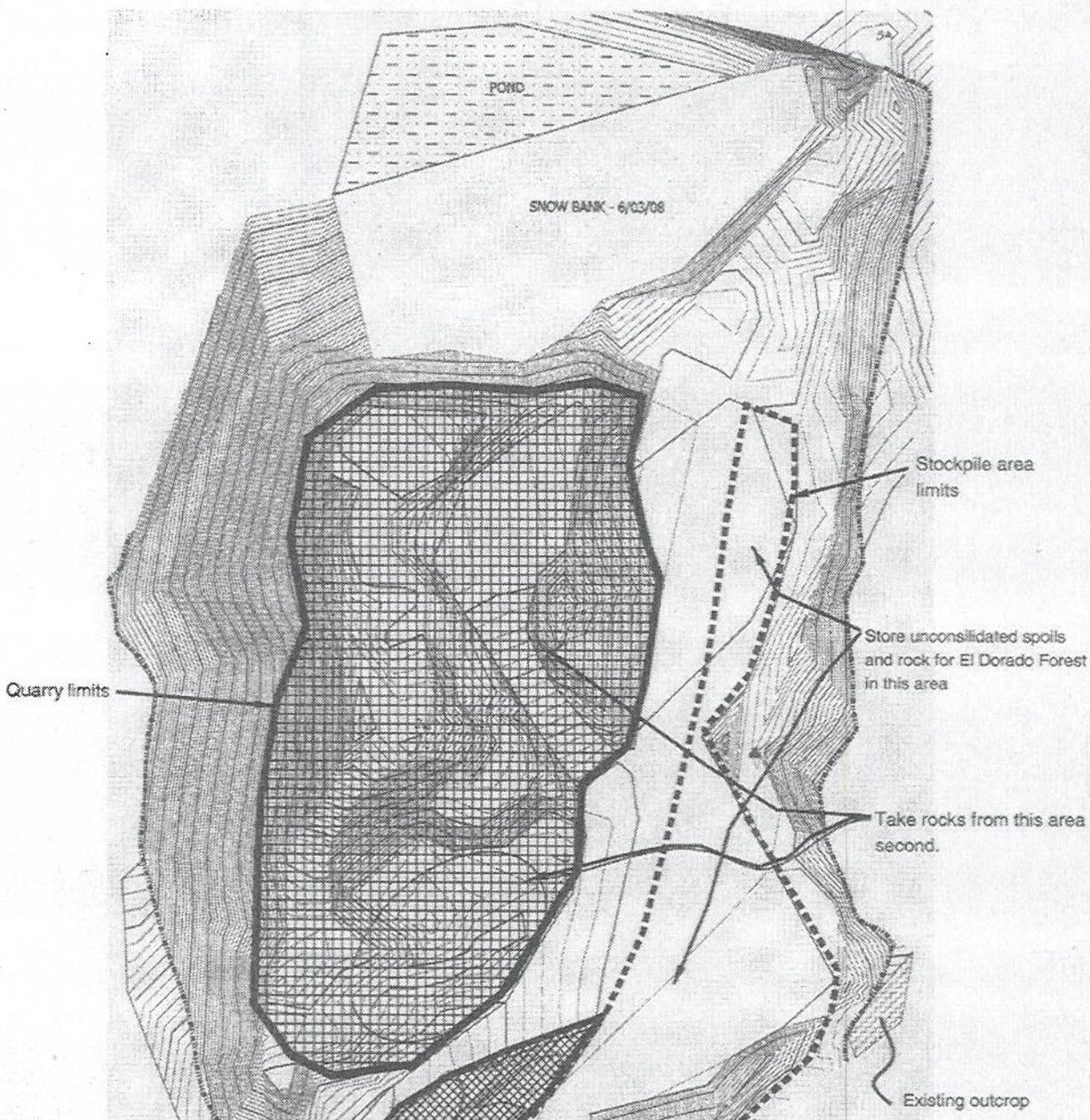
If you have questions about the requirements outlined in this letter, please feel free to contact Roger Ross by telephone at (209) 295-5960 at the Amador Ranger District.

Sincerely,



/s/ Roger Ross (for)
DOUGLAS K. BARBER
District Ranger

cc: Carson Ranger District

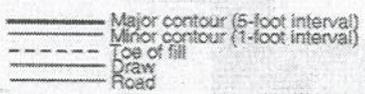


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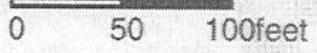
1. The contractor must adhere to MSHA STANDARDS.
2. All slopes behind post-delivery stockpile area as well as all other areas where materials are removed, shall have a backslope no higher than 20-feet; a back slope angle no greater than angle of repose, and a flat bench atop the backslope that is a minimum of 12-feet wide.
3. Contractor shall be responsible for weighing materials on site. The Forest Service recommends the use of mobile scale set up on Forest Service property.
4. The contractor shall establish piles of individual rocks (after the completion of Tahoe Basin hauling) in the following quantities and size classes:
 - 18"- 24" dia (rip-rap) (quantity = 200)
 - 36" dia. (barrier rock) (quantity = 600)
 - 48" dia. (safety berm rock) (quantity = 200)
 - fill material (unclassified) (quantity left over--spoils)
5. The contractor shall apply water to the road with water truck to abate dust. Water shall not be applied at rate that causes water to run down the road or damage the road surface.

Stockpile existing 8" minus ditch rock at point "A" as shown.

Take rocks from this area first
Lower rock surface to elevation of existing road surface



**Tragedy Quarry
El Dorado National Forest**



To Highway 88 ↓