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Dennis Deans, Manager
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Dear Mr. Deans:

RE: Field Trip, Pebble Gold Copper Prospect

On August 22, 2005, we conducted an aerial overflight of the proposed Pebble Gold Copper Prospect in a R44 helicopter. Observations were made along Upper Talarik Creek and the South Fork and North Fork Koktuli rivers. We also flew most of the proposed road route from the mine to Canyon Creek. Potential facility sites (e.g., open pit, tailing dam, mill site) also were identified during the reconnaissance. It was apparent that Northern Dynasty Minerals, Ltd. has spent considerable time siting facilities in such a manner that impacts to fish and wildlife habitats would be reduced. I want to thank you and Dr. Buell for the opportunity to see the area and for providing information on the project at its current stage of development. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alvin G. Ott, Operations Manager
Office of Habitat Management and Permitting
Department of Natural Resources

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