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Date: Wed, Nov 9, 2011 at 11:21 AM  
Subject: RE: DNR Wishbone Hill permit Area Tour  
To: Emily Fehrenbacher <[emily.fehrenbacher@sierraclub.org](mailto:emily.fehrenbacher@sierraclub.org)>

Ms. Fehrenbacher,

Due to the short lead time of this request and current weather conditions, DNR is unable to facilitate a guided tour of the Wishbone Hill Project site. The purpose of 11 AAC 90.15(b)(3) is to allow, at the commissioners discretion, access to project area prior to an informal conference. The Wishbone Hill project occurs predominantly on state and borough lands that are currently open to the public. You currently have access to the area and you are welcome to visit the project site at any time.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Russ

Russell Kirkham

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**From:** Emily Fehrenbacher [<mailto:emily.fehrenbacher@sierraclub.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 04, 2011 4:31 PM  
**To:** Kirkham, Russell A (DNR)  
**Subject:** DNR Wishbone Hill permit Area Tour

Dear Mr. Kirkham,

In advance of the November 15<sup>th</sup> Informal Conference, the Sierra Club would like to requested that DNR facilitate a tour of the for the Wishbone Hill permit area. We believe that a tour would help the public understand the mine plan and the renewal application and allow for meaningful public comment on the renewal application. Thus, we write now to formally request a tour of the

mine site prior to the Informal Conference, as provided in 11 AAC 90.115(b)(3). If DNR is not able to host a tour prior to the informal conference, we request DNR extend the public comment period to allow time for the tour and submittal of comments based on information gathered during the tour for the permit renewal.

If you have any questions, or to coordinate a site tour, you can contact me at [\(907\) 276-4060](tel:(907)276-4060) or [Emily.fehrenbacher@sierraclub.org](mailto:Emily.fehrenbacher@sierraclub.org).

Sincerely,

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