

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

At the present time Verdeen Lexa has not been permitted into the Commonwealth Mine area 1/4 mile east of Meta Lake for BLM assessment filing. This location is in the extreme hazard area due to the possibility of an additional blast from Mt. St. Helens.

The Meta Lake area is in the devastated areas and Mr. Lexa would not be permitted to be away from his vehicle for more than a few minutes. This permission would also require clear weather which has been in short supply.

It is impossible to determine at this time when conditions might change which would permit Mr. Lexa to do his assessment work.

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