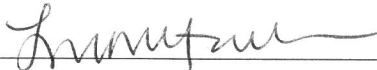


## AUTHORIZATION

As the Responsible Official, it is my decision to grant the two hardrock prospecting permits (WAOR 066973 and 066628) to Ascot USA, Inc., for mineral exploration activities (exploratory drilling and surface hand sampling) within the area defined by MS parcels 708, 774, 779, 1329, and 1330 (see depictions in MEA Appendix A) and in accordance with the as described and analyzed Alternative 4 of the 2015 MEA. In addition, the USFS Specified Conditions, Recommendations, and Notices described in the USFS Decision Notice dated January 29, 2018 are adopted verbatim (Attachment B) in addition to those imposed by the BLM (Attachment C). This decision is also predicated on Ascot USA, Inc., submission for BLM approval of a revised Plan of Operations that incorporates these changes, limitations, design features, and stipulations prior to issuance of an NTP by the BLM.

Signature: 

Title: Chief, Branch of Land Mineral and Energy Resources, Oregon State Office

Date: December 3, 2018

### References:

Haapala, D.L. 1993. *Green River 1993 Stream Survey Narrative*. Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. Amboy, WA