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Dear Exploration Geologist:

In order to more effectively serve the state's diverse mining industry, the Nevada Mining Association has recently made some structural changes that may be of interest to you.

As you know, our industry is facing significant challenges that range from addressing the state's fiscal deficit to ensuring access to mineral rich lands. It is essential that all aspects of Nevada's mining industry speak with one voice as we work to inform policymakers, business leaders, and citizens about mining's long commitment and meaningful contributions to Nevada and the important role the industry will play in the state's future.

The exploration community is integral to ensuring that mining continues to have a strong foundation in Nevada. As such, the NVMA is forming an Exploration Committee in an effort to bring more awareness and attention to exploration issues. Additionally, the Association is committed to encouraging strong communication between all facets of the industry, from exploration to closure and everything in between, including the supply chain. To encourage this dialogue, the NVMA Board of Directors is inviting the chair of this new committee to join the board as a voting member.

Currently, the NVMA has a Public Lands Committee chaired by Bob Brock. This committee will likely transition to become the new Exploration Committee and the chair of this new committee will then be selected by the committee members. Bob has already agreed to help organize the first couple of meetings during this transition and has also agreed to relinquish his seat once the new group is established and has selected its chair.

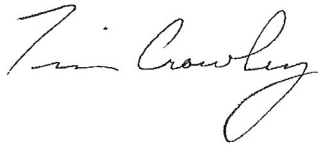
Whether you are currently a member of the Nevada Mining Association or not, we would like to invite you to the next Public Lands Committee meeting, at which point we will develop a plan for effectively and efficiently transitioning to the Exploration Committee.

We will also begin to discuss key issues and develop a list of items for future meetings. This meeting will be May 12, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Only NVMA members will be entitled to participate on the committee after the first meeting.

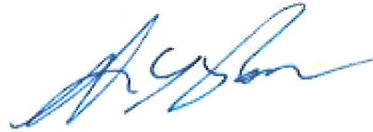
Please RSVP to Lauren Arends at [larends@nevadaming.org](mailto:larends@nevadaming.org) or 775-829-2121.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Crowley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "T" and a long, trailing "y".

Tim Crowley  
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert L. Brock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "R" and a long, trailing "k".

Robert L. Brock  
Chairman, Public Lands Committee