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Spring Creek Mine
Attn: John Lucas
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Dear John,

I have attached a map showing farmland classification based on the mine ownership. I included a list of the soils you typically find in this part of Big Horn County. Specifically, the list of soils is those found in your project area.

The soils list also includes whether the land is considered prime farmland or not. The map is dominated by land that is not prime farmland. If irrigation could occur on some of the soils types, it would then be considered prime farmland. Since irrigation is not likely to occur your project area has no prime farmland.

I hope this is the type of information you were looking for. Call me if you have any questions.


JODI HASTINGS
District Conservationist

cc: Garth French