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Subject: Request for Section 106 Consultation; Interstate 70 Twin Tunnels Expansion
Environmental Assessment, Clear Creek County, Colorado

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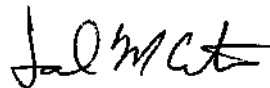
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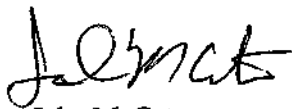
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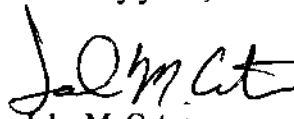
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Subject: Request for Section 106 Consultation; Interstate 70 Twin Tunnels Expansion
Environmental Assessment, Clear Creek County, Colorado

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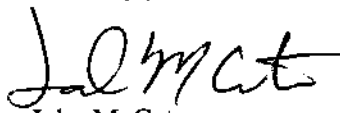
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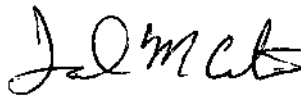
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