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**Sent:** 1/22/2018 7:03:35 PM  
**To:** Andrew Eversden [Ex. 6]  
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**Subject:** Re: Durango Herald: Request for Shutdown Information

Administrator Pruitt sent the following message to EPA employees on Friday afternoon:

As many of you are aware, annual funding for the government expires at midnight.

At this time EPA has sufficient resources to remain open for a limited amount of time in the event of a government shutdown. All EPA employees should follow their normal work schedule for the week of January 22, 2018.

Should the shutdown occur and remain in place through January 26, 2018, we will provide further updates on the agency's operating status. In addition, all travel needs to be approved by the Administrator's Office.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and patience through this process, and for all that you do for the EPA and the American people.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 22, 2018, at 2:01 PM, Andrew Eversden [Ex. 6] wrote:

Hello Molly,

My name is Andrew Eversden and I am a reporter for the Durango Herald based in DC. I am working on a story on the effects of the government shutdown in Colorado, specifically southwestern CO. If you could please answer just a few brief questions for me that would be very helpful.

1. How many employees does the EPA have in Colorado? How many have been furloughed? If you have numbers specific to SW Colorado, specifically around La Plata county, could you please pass those along?
2. What has the EPA in Colorado been telling furloughed employees?
3. How is the shutdown going to affect the EPAs work in Colorado?
4. How is the shutdown going to affect work at the Gold King Mine superfund site?

Is there anyone you could point me to in Durango that I could talk with?

Thanks, Molly. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best,  
Andrew Eversden

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