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Hello,

I wanted to ask about the possibility of combining a Culture Change Committee idea, with the Mining department, for this current RFP. The attached (brief) outline was proposed to MAC pre-covid. Seeing the current Mines Magazine's emphasis on the changes to mining over the years, and its place in our future, makes me think that this could have potential as a Mines signature experience.

I currently serve on two of the culture change committees, and I have a son who is a Mines alum and a daughter who is a junior in Mechanical Engineering here – they both think the idea would be a great addition, when we're able to gather normally again. I have served as the dentist in the Mines Wellness Center for the past 22 years.

Thanks for your consideration, and let me know how/if I can help,

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# M Days Proposal

## Campus Culture Change Committee (Objective/Group #3)

- Campus-wide event to highlight the historic and current ties that the university has to the geology and mining industry.
- Activities to be held in fall semester, similar to E-days in the spring, taking place on a Friday (possibly homecoming weekend) without classes or coursework due.
- Burro races (approx. 20 burros from same handler as Blaster) to start the day, running through campus, possibly ending at Golden's Living History Park near Clear Creek.
- Mining-themed team activities (e.g. "Dynamite" relay-baton, panning for "gold"-prizes, "mine" construction- Jenga/Puzzle Room)
- Demos and displays from the Geology Museum and the Edgar Mine. Tours at both of these sites could be available too.
- Visiting lectures from alumni on advancements in the mining and tunneling industries.
- BBQ, sarsaparilla (root beer) kegs in later afternoon along with a Bluegrass band. Hootenanny vibe with group line dancing option.
- End with a dynamite, fireworks display and bonfire.

Action to date; Neil Sullivan contacted the handler for Blaster's burro rental and found out that up to 22 burros are available from \$50-150/each. Jeanette Courtad sent email with outline of proposal to Alexandra Demopoulos, the MAC coordinator in charge of large, campus events, including E Days. She responded saying that she liked the idea and suggested that it could be combined with

Homecoming. Her concern was regarding the possible location for the burro races, and potential push-back from student groups who could consider this to be “not entirely humane”. Blue Key was identified as the group that brings Blaster to campus, and who may be interested in coordinating the burro races.