1 Honorable Christopher M. Alston Chapter 11 2 Hearing Date: October 20, 2017 Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m. 3 **Response Date**: October 13, 2017 4 5 6 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 In Re: Case No. 16-11767 9 Northwest Territorial Mint, LLC, UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S 10 REPLY TO RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO MOTION TO 11 Debtor. RESTRICT FILINGS BY JEFFREY MARK MCMEEL AND TO SEAL 12 **DOCUMENTS** 13 14 The United States Trustee hereby replies to the response filed by Jeffrey Mark McMeel 15 (the "McMeel Response" by "McMeel") and responses and objections filed by various other 16 creditors (collectively, the "Other Responses") to the United States Trustee's motion for an order 17 restricting filings by Jeffrey Mark McMeel and sealing certain documents filed by McMeel (the 18 "Motion"). In support of the reply and the Motion, the United States Trustee states as follows: 19 A. The McMeel Response. As with other documents and pleadings filed by McMeel, the McMeel Response is 20 gibberish consisting of inflammatory and untrue statements that, together, are incomprehensible 21 22 and generally without any discernable purpose other than to cast aspersions on the Court and professionals appearing in the case. 23 В. Other Responses. 24 Notice of the Motion was sent out to the mailing matrix, which resulted in many 25 responses and objections from unsecured creditors being filed. The United States Trustee 26 Office of the United States Trustee 700 Stewart Street UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S REPLY

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received many more responses and objections that were not filed. None of the Other Responses raise any substantive or procedural reason for not granting the Motion. Instead, the Other Responses reflect a lack of understanding about the relief sought in the Motion and also a frustration with having lost money to the Debtor in what many of the creditors perceive to be prepetition fraudulent solicitation and sale of precious metal.

C. <u>Conclusion.</u>

McMeel is filing incoherent and, at times, abusive and slanderous pleadings with the Court that have no discernable purpose other than harassment. Those pleadings are improper and unnecessary to the prosecution of the chapter 11 case. The pleadings are also in direct violation of the Court's sanctions order, filed as ECF document no. 328. The United States Trustee believes that the simplest way to stop McMeel's abusive filings is to instruct the Clerk not to accept anything for filing from McMeel unless it is signed by an attorney. That will be easy to enforce, and allow McMeel to seek any relief he wishes under the guidance of counsel. Additionally, the United States Trustee requests that the Court -- as it previously did in conjunction with the sanctions order against McMeel – order that McMeel's pleadings and documents be sealed. Those documents and pleadings include the ECF nos. set forth in the Motion, as well as documents and pleadings filed after the Motion, i.e. nos. 1214, 1215, 1227, 1231, and 1232.

Dated: October 17, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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