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Michael Clark
Natural Soda Holdings Inc.
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Dear Mr. Clark,

We have reviewed your March 7, 2014 requests to lower the existing pipelines and add a twelve inch barren liquor pipeline from Natural Soda Inc.'s processing facility to the 10H through 14 H production wells. The project is located in Township 1 South, Range 98 West, Section 25 lots 12 and 13, Section 26 Lots 6 and 9, 6th P.M. This project is considered to be a minor modification to the approved "Natural Soda 2010 Mine Plan" and is approved with the following conditions of approval:

1. The operator/holder is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing archaeological sites or for collecting artifacts.
2. If any archaeological materials are discovered as a result of operations under this authorization, activity in the vicinity of the discovery will cease, and the BLM WRFO Archaeologist will be notified immediately. Work may not resume at that location until approved by the AO. The operator/holder will make every effort to protect the site from further impacts including looting, erosion, or other human or natural damage until BLM determines a treatment approach, and the treatment is completed. Unless previously determined in treatment plans or agreements, BLM will evaluate the cultural resources and, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), select the appropriate mitigation option within 48 hours of the discovery. The operator/holder, under guidance of the BLM, will implement the mitigation in a timely manner. The process will be fully documented in reports, site forms, maps, drawings, and photographs. The BLM will forward documentation to the SHPO for review and concurrence.

3. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g), the operator/holder must notify the AO, by telephone and written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), the operator/holder must stop activities in the vicinity of the discovery and protect it for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the AO.
4. All construction activities impacting exposed outcrops and excavations into the underlying bedrock must be monitored by an approved paleontologist. In addition, construction of portions of the surface pipeline within 100 meters of 5RB1923 must be monitored by an approved paleontologist. The paleontologist shall be present before any such excavations begin.

If there any questions, please contact Paul Daggett Mining Engineer at (970) 878-3819.

Sincerely,



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