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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

May 2, 2014

Mr. Stephen Kalada
2945 Mirage Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

**Re: Notice of Intent (NOI) Notice of Intent to Prospect, file P-2014-006
Initial Adequacy Review**

Mr. Kalada:

DRMS has reviewed the above-referenced NOI, and has the following comments.

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION, Item 7.** Please provide proof that a copy of your NOI, including your responses to this letter, have been provided to the federal agency that manages the land surface in the prospect area, the U.S. Forest Service. Adequate proof may be a receipt from the Forest Service or a return receipt from a certified mailing of the NOI to the Forest Service.
2. **MAPS AND DRAWINGS.** The two maps submitted cover more than 600 acres. Other information provided on the NOI form indicates only a small part of the area shown on those maps is proposed to be disturbed. Please outline on the attached map the area(s) proposed to be disturbed, and then return a copy of the map to DRMS so that it may become part of the NOI.
3. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION, Item 3.** Please state in cubic yards the maximum amount of material that you propose to extract or move. For example: "10 cubic yards."
4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION, Item 6A – 6D.** Please state the maximum number of pits or trenches that you propose to excavate, and their dimensions. For example: "I will excavate a maximum of 20 pits or trenches. The maximum size of each excavation will be 0.5 cubic yard."
5. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION, Item 6G.** The information provided is unclear because it indicates the project will disturb more than 20 acres, but then says: "maybe a half (1/2) acre, (1/4) acre for sure!" Please clearly state the maximum number of acres that will be disturbed. For example: "1/2 acre"
6. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION, Items 7A and 7B.** Please describe the revegetation plan required by the U.S. Forest Service for your project. You will need to contact the Forest Service for this information.



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7. OPERATION AND RECLAMATION MEASURES. Will each pit or trench be backfilled and fully reclaimed prior to excavating the next pit or trench?
8. NOTICE TO CHAFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. The NOI submitted to DRMS included a copy of a money order payable to the Chaffee County Clerk and Recorder. As required by Rule 5.1.2(m), have you provided a notice to the Chaffee County Board of Commissioners indicating that non-confidential information will be available for review on the DRMS website?
9. FINANCIAL WARRANTY. DRMS will notify you of the amount of required reclamation bond required after we receive your responses to this letter.

You may not commence prospecting operations until we receive adequate responses to the above comments, and bond has been submitted and you have received notification from DRMS that the bond has been accepted.

In accordance with Hard Rock Rule 5.1.3(c), if the above-referenced deficiencies are not addressed within 60 days after you receive this letter, then the Division will terminate the NOI file.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Kaldenbach". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tom Kaldenbach
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist