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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS
LIMITED IMPACT (110) OPERATION
RECLAMATION PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

CHECK ONE: ☒ There is a File Number Already Assigned to this Operation

Permit # 20 14 011 (Please reference the file number currently assigned to this operation)

☒ New Application (Rule 1.4.5)

☐ Amendment Application (Rule 1.10)

☐ Conversion Application (Rule 1.11)

Permit # M - 20 - 14 - 011 (provide for Amendments and Conversions of existing permits)

The application for a Construction Materials Limited Impact (110) Operation Reclamation Permit contains three major parts: (1) the application form; (2) Exhibits A-J, Exhibit L, Addendum 1, any sections of Exhibit 6.5 and Geotechnical Stability Exhibit, as required by the Office, and outlined in Rules 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.5, and 1.6.2(1)(b); and (3) the application fee. When you submit your application, be sure to include one (1) complete signed and notarized ORIGINAL and one (1) copy of the completed application form, two (2) copies of Exhibits A-J, Exhibit L, Addendum 1, and appropriate sections of 6.5 (Geotechnical Stability Exhibit), as required, and a check for the application fee described under (4) below. Exhibits should **NOT** be bound or in a 3-ring binder; maps should be folded to 8 1/2" X 11" or 8 1/2" X 14" size. To expedite processing, please provide the information in the format and order described in this form.

GENERAL OPERATION INFORMATION

Type or print clearly, in the space provided, ALL information described below.

1. **Applicant/operator or company name (name to be used on permit):** Strong mining company
 - 1.1 Type of organization (corporation, partnership, etc.): partnership
2. **Operation name (pit, mine or site name):** Apex Lode (Strong Mine)
3. **Permitted acreage (new or existing site):**

	<u>3</u> permitted acres
3.1 Change in acreage (+)	<u>0</u> acres
3.2 Total Acreage in Permit Area	<u>3</u> acres
4. **Fees:**

4.1 New Application:	<u>\$1258.00</u> application fee
Amendment Fee (C.R.S. 34-32.5-125(II)):	<u>\$827.00</u> application fee
5. **Primary commodity(ies) to be mined:** Zinc silver
 - 5.1 Incidental commodity(ies) to be mined:

1. <u>/ 1</u> lbs/Tons/yr	2. <u>/ .5</u> lbs/Tons/yr	3. <u>/</u> lbs/Tons/yr
4. <u>/</u> lbs/Tons/yr	5. <u>/</u> lbs/Tons/yr	

 || 5.2 Anticipated end use of primary commodity(ies) to be mined: | Zinc Products |
| Anticipated end use of incidental commodity(ies) to be mined: | Silver Products |

11. **Correspondence Information:**

APPLICANT/OPERATOR (name, address, and phone of name to be used on permit)

Contact's Name: John Strong Title: _____
Company Name: Strong Mining Company
Street/P.O. Box: 1505 East 12th Street P.O. Box: _____
City: Rifle
State: Colorado Zip Code: 81650
Telephone Number: (970) - 625-0777
Fax Number: (970) - 625-9152

PERMITTING CONTACT (if different from applicant/operator above)

Contact's Name: George Strong Title: N/A
Company Name: _____
Street/P.O. Box: _____ P.O. Box: 808
City: Silt
State: Colorado Zip Code: 81652
Telephone Number: (970) - 625-0777
Fax Number: (970) - 625-9152

INSPECTION CONTACT

Contact's Name: George Strong Title: _____
Company Name: _____
Street/P.O. Box: _____ P.O. Box: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: () -
Fax Number: () -

CC: STATE OR FEDERAL LANDOWNER (if any)

Agency: USDA Forest service Rifle District (Glenn Davis)
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: (970) - 945-3236

CC: STATE OR FEDERAL LANDOWNER (if any)

Agency: _____
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: () -

7. **Name of owner of the subsurface rights of affected land:** USDA Forest Service Rifle District
8. **Name of owner of the surface of affected land:** _____
9. **Type of mining operation:** ☐ Surface ☒ Underground ☐ In-situ
10. **Location information:** The center of the area where the majority of mining will occur:

COUNTY: Garfield

PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (check one): ☒ 6th (Colorado) ☐ 10th (New Mexico) ☐ Ute

SECTION (write number): S 7 8 17 18

TOWNSHIP (write number and check direction): T 5.0 ☐ North ☒ South

RANGE (write number and check direction): R 88.0 ☐ East ☒ West

QUARTER SECTION (check one): ☐ NE ☐ NW ☐ SE ☐ SW

QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION (check one): ☐ NE ☐ NW ☐ SE ☐ SW

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: (the number of miles and direction from the nearest town and the approximate elevation): _____
Approx 4 miles north-East Glenwood Springs Approx Elev 10'100

11. **Primary Mine Entrance Location** (report in either Latitude/Longitude **OR** UTM):

Latitude/Longitude:

Example: (N) 39° 44' 12.98"
(W) 104° 59' 3.87"

Latitude (N): deg 39 min 37 sec 4 14.00 (2 decimal places)

Longitude (W): deg 107 min 18 sec 1 94.00 (2 decimal places)

OR

Example: (N) 39.73691°
(W) -104.98449°

Latitude (N) _____ (5 decimal places)

Longitude (W) _____ (5 decimal places)

OR

Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)

Example: ~~28 30 35 17 10 37 Zone 13~~
4398351.2 N

UTM Datum (specify NAD27, NAD83 or WGS 84) NAD83 Zone 13

Easting _____

Northing _____

12. **Primary future (Post-mining) land use (check one):**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cropland(CR) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastureland(PL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rangeland(RL) | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry(FR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential(RS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation(RC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developed Water Resources(WR) | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Agriculture(GA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat(WL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Commercial(IC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Disposal(WD) |

13. **Primary present land use (check one):**

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cropland(CR) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastureland(PL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rangeland(RL) | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry(FR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential(RS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation(RC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developed Water Resources (WR) | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Agriculture(GA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat(WL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Commercial(IC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining (MN) |

14. If this operation will use designated chemicals, or will result, or presently has acid mine drainage - you cannot use this application form. You must submit either a 110d or 112d application form for Designated Mining Operations. In either case, you must list any acidic or toxic-forming materials, exposed or disturbed as a result of the mining operation, and whether the operation will result in or presently has acid mine drainage:

15. **Description of Amendment or Conversion:**

If you are amending or converting an existing operation, provide a brief narrative describing the proposed change(s):

Amending existing by getting state permit

Maps & Exhibits:

Submit two (2) complete, unbound copies of the following application exhibits:

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|-------------|---|
| 6.3.1 | EXHIBIT A - Legal Description and Location Map |
| 6.3.2 | EXHIBIT B - Site Description |
| 6.3.3 | EXHIBIT C - Mining Plan |
| 6.3.4 | EXHIBIT D - Reclamation Plan |
| 6.3.5 | EXHIBIT E - Maps, to include the location of any recorded easements |
| 6.3.6 | EXHIBIT F - List of Other Permits and Licenses Required |
| 6.3.7 | EXHIBIT G - Source of Legal Right-to-Enter |
| 6.3.8 | EXHIBIT H - Municipalities Within a Two-mile Radius |
| 6.3.9 | EXHIBIT I - Proof of Filing with County Clerk |
| 6.3.10 | EXHIBIT J - Proof of Mailing Notices of Permit Application |
| 6.3.12 | EXHIBIT L - Permanent Man-Made Structures |
| 1.6.2(1)(b) | ADDENDUM 1 - Notice Requirements (sample enclosed) |
| 6.5 | Geotechnical Stability Exhibit (as required) |

Responsibilities as a Permittee:

Upon application approval and permit issuance, this application becomes a legally binding document. Therefore, there are a number of important requirements which you, as a permittee, should fully understand. These requirements are listed below. Please read and initial each requirement, in the space provided, to acknowledge that you understand your obligations. If you do not understand these obligations then please contact this Office for a full explanation.

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1. Your obligation to reclaim the site is not limited to the amount of the financial warranty. You assume legal liability for all reasonable expenses which the Board or the Office may incur to reclaim the affected lands associated with your mining operation in the event your permit is revoked and financial warranty is forfeited;

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2. The Board may suspend or revoke this permit, or assess a civil penalty, upon a finding that the permittee violated the terms or conditions of this permit, the Act, the Mineral Rules and Regulations, or that information contained in the application or your permit misrepresents important material facts;

JOS

3. If your mining and reclamation operations affect areas beyond the boundaries of an approved permit boundary, substantial civil penalties to you as permittee can result:

JOS

4. Any modification to the approved mining and reclamation plan from those described in your approved application requires you to submit a permit modification and obtain approval from the Board or Office;

JOS

5. It is your responsibility to notify the Office of any changes in your address or phone number:

JOS

6. Upon permit issuance and prior to beginning on-site mining activity, you must post a sign at the entrance of the mine site, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with the following information (Rule 3.1.12):

a. the name of the operator;

b. a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and,

c. the permit number.

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7. The boundaries of the permit boundary area must be marked by monuments or other markers that are clearly visible and adequate to delineate such boundaries prior to site disturbance;

JOS

8. It is a provision of this permit that the operations will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions listed in your application, as well as with the provisions of the Act and the Mineral Rules and Regulations in effect at the time the permit is issued.

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9. Annually, on the anniversary date of permit issuance, you must submit an annual fee as specified by Statute, and an annual report which includes a map describing the acreage affected and the acreage reclaimed to date (if there are changes from the previous year), any monitoring required by the Reclamation Plan to be submitted annually on the anniversary date of the permit approval. Annual fees are for the previous year a permit is held. For example, a permit with the anniversary date of July 1, 1995, the annual fee is for the period of July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995. Failure to submit your annual fee and report by the permit anniversary date may result in a civil penalty, revocation of your permit, and forfeiture of your financial warranty. It is your responsibility, as the permittee, to continue to pay your annual fee to the Office until the Board releases you from your total reclamation responsibility.

JOS

10. For joint venture, partnership permittee: the signing representative is authorized to sign when document and a power of attorney (provided by the partner(s)) authorizing the signature of the representative is attached to this application.

NOTE TO COMMENTORS/OBJECTORS:

It is likely there will be additions, changes, and deletions to this document prior to final decision by the Office. Therefore, if you have any comments or concerns you must contact the applicant or the Office prior to the decision date so that you will know what changes may have been made to the application document.

The Office is not allowed to consider comments, unless they are written, and received prior to the end of the public comment period. You should contact the applicant for the final date of the public comment period.

If you have questions about the Mined Land Reclamation Board and Office review and decision or appeals process, you may contact the Office at (303) 866-3567.

Certification:

As an authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the operation described has met the minimum requirements of the following terms and conditions:

1. All necessary approvals from local government have been applied for (Section 34-32.5-110(1)(a)(VIII)).
2. To the best of my knowledge, all significant, valuable and permanent man-made structure(s) in existence at the time this application is filed, and located within 200 feet of the proposed affected area have been identified in this application (Section 34-32.5-115(4)(e), C.R.S.). (NOTE: For 110 operations, the affected area includes all lands delineated by the permit boundary.)
3. No mining operation will be located on lands where such operations are prohibited by law (Section 34-32.5-115(4)(f), C.R.S.).
4. As the applicant/operator, I do not have any mining/exploration operations in the State of Colorado currently in violation of the provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Section 34-32.5-120, C.R.S.).
5. I understand that statements in the application are being made under penalty of perjury and that false statements made herein are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to Section 18-8-503, C.R.S. 1984.

This form has been approved by the Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to section 34-32.5-110, C.R.S., of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. Any alteration or modification of this form shall result in voiding any permit issued on the altered or modified form and subject the operator to cease and desist orders and civil penalties for operating without a permit pursuant to section 34-32.5-123, C.R.S.

Signed and dated this 5 day of June, 2014.

John E Strong
Applicant/Operator

If Corporation Attest (Seal)

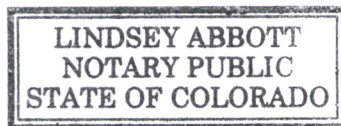
Signed: [Signature]

Signed: _____
Corporate Secretary or Equivalent
Town/City/County Clerk

Title: pres of company

State of Colorado)
) ss.
County of Garfield)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5 day of June, 2014,
by John E Strong as President of Strong Mining Co.



[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2-20-2015

SIGNATURES MUST BE IN BLUE INK

STRONG MINING CO.

1505 E 12TH STREET RIFLE, CO 81650

JOHN E. STRONG (970-625-5404)

To whom it may concern

3/28/14

I would like to, just reiterate the reasons and a few facts of why we feel we have a resource to hold and maybe someday extract. The Strong mining company has filed and done its assay work without delay or missing a season for the 73 years it has owned these claims. Its primary mission has been to maintain and upkeep the claims with the intent to hold.

We have done this as Stewards of the land in keeping disturbance to a minimal level. We have never had any complaints, and we have always in compliance with whatever the F/S or BLM as asked us to do.

Please see attached documents. To maybe help in the decision you will be making. And again I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation to this matter.

Thank You

John Strong

STRONG MINING CO.

1505 E 12TH STREET RIFLE, CO 81650

JOHN E. STRONG (970-625-5404)

Exhibit agenda

5/30/14

Exhibit "A" Location map, Site description, and legal access

Exhibit "B" refer to exhibit "A"

Exhibit "C" Mining plan

Exhibit "D" Reclamation plan

Exhibit "E" Refer to exhibit "A"

Exhibit "F" Approved Forest service plan

Exhibit "G" Please refer to exhibit "A"

Exhibit "H" Please refer to exhibit "A"

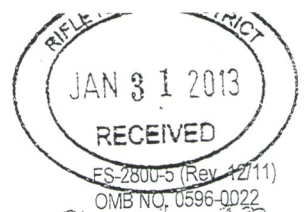
Exhibit "I" Proof of filing with clerk and recorder

Exhibit "J" Proof of mailing/delivering notices

Exhibit "L" Permanent structure agreement

Exhibit "M" Mining claim deeds

PLAN OF OPERATIONS FOR MINING ACTIVITIES ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS



USE OF THIS FORM IS OPTIONAL! 1st TIME USERS SHOULD DIRECT QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS FORM OR REGULATIONS (36 CFR 228A) TO THE FOREST SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICE NEAREST YOUR AREA OF INTEREST.

Submitted by: John Strong Chairman 1-30-13
 Signature Title Date
 (mm/dd/yy)

Plan Received by: Jim D. Davis Forest Geologist 1/31/13
 Signature Title Date
 (mm/dd/yy)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Name of Mine/Project: STRONG MINE
- B. Type of Operation: _____
 (lode, placer, mill, exploration, development, production, other)
- C. Is this a (☐new/☒continuing) operation? (check one).
 If continuing a previous operation, this plan (☐replaces/☒modifies/☐supplements) a previous plan of operations. (check one)
- D. Proposed start-up date (mm/dd/yy) of operation: _____
- E. Expected total duration of this operation: _____
- F. If seasonal, expected date (mm/dd/yy) of annual reclamation/stabilization close out: _____
- G. Expected date (mm/dd/yy) for completion of all required reclamation: _____

II. PRINCIPALS

- A. Name, address and phone number of operator:
JOHN E STRONG
(970-625-5404)
- B. Name, address, and phone number of authorized field representative (if other than the operator).
 Attach authorization to act on behalf of operator.
- C. Name, address and phone number of owners of the claims (if different than the operator):
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

(If more space is needed to fill out a block of information, use additional sheets and attach form)

- D. Name, address and phone number of any other lessees, assigns, agents, etc., and briefly describe their involvement with the operation, if applicable:
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III. PROPERTY OR AREA

(Name of claim, if applicable, and the legal land description where the operation will be located.)

MC#	Name	Section	Township	Range

IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE OPERATION

- A. **Access.** Show on a map (USGS quadrangle map or a National Forest map, for example) the claim boundaries, if applicable, and all access needs such as roads and trails, on and off the claim. Specify which Forest Service roads will be used, where maintenance or reconstruction is proposed, and where new construction is necessary. For new construction, include construction specifications such as widths, grades, etc., location and size of culverts, describe maintenance plans, and the type and size of vehicles and equipment that will use the access routes.

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- B. **Map, Sketch or Drawing.** Show location and layout of the area of operation. Identify any streams, creeks or springs if known. Show the size and kind of all surface disturbances such as trenches, pits, settling ponds, stream channels and run-off diversions, waste dumps, drill pads, timber disposal or clearance, etc. Include sizes, capacities, acreage, amounts, locations, materials involved, etc.
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(If more space is needed to fill out a block of information, use additional sheets and attach form)

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- C. **Project Description.** *Describe all aspects of the operation including mining, milling, and exploration methods, materials, equipment, workforce, construction and operation schedule, power requirements, how clearing will be accomplished, topsoil stockpile, waste rock placement, tailings disposal, proposed number of drillholes and depth, depth of proposed suction dredging, and how gravels will be replaced, etc. Calculate production rates of ore. Include justification and calculations for settling pond capacities, and the size of runoff diversion channels.*
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

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- D. **Equipment and Vehicles.** *Describe that which is proposed for use in your operation (Examples: drill, dozer, wash plant, mill, etc.). Include: sizes, capacity, frequency of use, etc.*
N/A

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- E. **Structures.** *Include information about fixed or portable structures or facilities planned for the operation. Show locations on the map. Include such things as living quarters, storage sheds, mill buildings, thickener tanks, fuel storage, powder magazines, pipelines, water diversions, trailers, sanitation facilities including sewage disposal, etc. Include engineering design and geotechnical information for project facilities, justification and calculations for sizing of tanks, pipelines and water diversions, etc.*
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V. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES (SEE 36 CFR 228.8)

- A. **Air Quality.** *Describe measures proposed to minimize impacts on air quality such as obtaining a burning permit for slash disposal or dust abatement on roads.*
N/A
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(If more space is needed to fill out a block of information, use additional sheets and attach form)

B. Water Quality. State how applicable state and federal water quality standards will be met. Describe measures or management practices to be used to minimize water quality impacts and meet applicable standards.

1. State whether water is to be used in the operation, and describe the quantity, source, methods and design of diversions, storage, use, disposal, and treatment facilities. Include assumptions for sizing water conveyance or storage facilities.
2. Describe methods to control erosion and surface water runoff from all disturbed areas, including waste and tailings dumps.
3. Describe proposed surface water and groundwater quality monitoring, if required, to demonstrate compliance with federal or state water quality standards.
4. Describe the measures to be used to minimize potential water quality impacts during seasonal closures, or for a temporary cessation of operations.
5. If land application is proposed for waste water disposal, the location and operation of the land application system must be described. Also describe how vegetation, soil, and surface and groundwater quality will be protected if land application is used.

N/A

C. Solid Wastes. Describe the quantity and the physical and chemical characteristics of solid waste produced by the operation. Describe how the wastes will be disposed of including location and design of facilities, or treated so as to minimize adverse impacts.

N/A

D. Scenic Values. Describe protection of scenic values such as screening, slash disposal, or timely reclamation.

N/A

(If more space is needed to fill out a block of information, use additional sheets and attach form)

- E. Fish and Wildlife.** *Describe measures to maintain and protect fisheries and wildlife, and their habitat (includes threatened, endangered, and sensitive species) affected by the operations.*
N/A

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- F. Cultural Resources.** *Describe measures for protecting known historic and archeological values, or new sites in the project area.*
N/A

G. Hazardous Substances.

1. *Identify the type and volume of all hazardous materials and toxic substances which will be used or generated in the operations including cyanide, solvents, petroleum products, mill, process and laboratory reagents.*
N/A

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2. *For each material or substance, describe the methods, volume, and frequency of transport (include type of containers and vehicles), procedures for use of materials or substances, methods, volume, and containers for disposal of materials and substances, security (fencing), identification (signing/labeling), or other special operations requirements necessary to conduct the proposed operations.*
SEE ATTACHED

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3. *Describe the measures to be taken for release of a reportable quantity of a hazardous material or the release of a toxic substance. This includes plans for spill prevention, containment, notification, and cleanup.*
N/A
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- H. **Reclamation.** Describe the annual and final reclamation standards based on the anticipated schedule for construction, operations, and project closure. Include such items as the removal of structures and facilities including bridges and culverts, a revegetation plan, permanent containment of mine tailings, waste, or sludges which pose a threat of a release into the environment, closing ponds and eliminating standing water, a final surface shaping plan, and post operations monitoring and maintenance plans.
N/A

VI. FOREST SERVICE EVALUATION OF PLAN OF OPERATIONS

- A. Required changes/modifications/special mitigation for plan of operations:

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- B. **Bond.** Reclamation of all disturbances connected with this plan of operations is covered by Reclamation Performance Bond No. _____, dated (mm/dd/yy) _____, signed by _____ (Principal) and _____ (Surety), for the penal sum of _____. This Reclamation Performance Bond is a guarantee of faithful performance with the terms and conditions listed below, and with the reclamation requirements agreed upon in the plan of operations. This Reclamation Performance Bond also extends to and includes any unauthorized activities conducted in connection with this operation.

The bond amount for this Reclamation Performance Bond was based on a bond calculation worksheet. The bond amount may be adjusted during the term of this proposed plan of operations in response to changes in the operations or to changes in the economy. Both the Reclamation Performance Bond and the bond calculation worksheet are attached to and made part of this plan of operations. Acceptable bond securities (subject to change) include:

1. *Negotiable Treasury bills and notes which are unconditionally guaranteed as to both principle and interest in an amount equal at their par value to the penal sum of the bond; or*
 2. *Certified or cashier's check, bank draft, Post Office money order, cash, assigned certificate of deposit, assigned savings account, blanket bond, or an irrevocable letter of credit equal to the penal sum of the bond.*
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VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. If a bond is required, it must be furnished before approval of the plan of operations.
- B. Information provided with this plan marked confidential will be treated in accordance with the agency's laws, rules, and regulations.
- C. Approval of this plan does not constitute certification of ownership to any person named herein and/or recognition of the validity of any mining claim named herein.
- D. Approval of this plan does not relieve me of my responsibility to comply with other applicable state or federal laws, rules, or regulations.
- E. If previously undiscovered cultural resources (historic or prehistoric objects, artifacts, or sites) are exposed as a result of operations, those operations will not proceed until notification is received from the Authorized Officer that provisions for mitigating unforeseen impacts as required by 36 CFR 228.4(e) and 36 CFR 800 have been complied with.
- F. This plan of operations has been approved for a period of _____ or until (mm/dd/yy) _____. A new or revised plan must be submitted in accordance with 36 CFR part 228, subpart A, if operations are to be continued after that time period.

VIII. OPERATING PLAN ACCEPTANCE

☐ I/We have reviewed and agreed to comply with all conditions in this plan of operations including the required changes, modifications, special mitigation, and reclamation requirements.

☐ I/We understand that the bond will not be released until the Authorized Officer in charge gives written approval.

Signature of ☐ Operator (or ☐ Authorized Representative)

(Date)
(mm/dd/yy)

IX. OPERATING PLAN APPROVAL

(Name)

(Title)

Signature of (Authorized Officer)

(Date)
(mm/dd/yy)

Burden and Non-Discrimination Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0022. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 12 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). TDD users can contact USDA through local relay or the Federal relay at (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (relay voice). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

(If more space is needed to fill out a block of information, use additional sheets and attach form)

STRONG LUMBER AND SPECIALTY LOG PRODUCTS, INC

P.O. BOX 808 SILT, CO.81652
970-625-0777

SAWMILL 7190 HWY 13
Fax 970-625-9152

To whom it may concern

10/20/2012

Here is the 2012-2013 operating plan for Strong mining company. For the intent to hold.

Normal operating season is July to the first of October (snow permitting). We anticipate to have around 20 working days. In that time frame. With family members doing most of work.

Maintain and service gate as needed . Keep mine road free of debris (rocks--fallen--trees).From FS/RD 602 to mine trail. Mine road is locked at all times when not in use. Maintain and clear mine trail from road to mine portal for workers. Maintain and service portal door and locking system as needed. Mine is locked at all times when not working in portal. All work to be hand work.

Tools to be all hand tools. Such as (wheel barrow ,pick, shovel, axe, saw.)

Check and replace mine timbers as needed. And keep debris clear in shaft. For men safety and shaft accessibility. Timbers and wood products to be hauled in from sawmill. All work on portal and trail-road to be done with hand tools. Haul out small amounts of sample of ore for testing. For the intent to hold.

Maintain and service cabin / tool shed. For the safe /dry storage of tools. And also for a safe place for the workers to keep dry and sleep. And a place for workers to cook meals and stay warm. The cabin is essential to the mine, as the mine is to the cabin. Cabin is only used while working on the mine. Cabin is locked and secured when not in use.

THANK YOU
JOHN E STRONG
PRES STRONG MINING COMPANY

John E Strong President (Agent)
NOV- 20-2012

STRONG MINING CO.

1505 E 12TH STREET RIFLE, CO 81650

JOHN E. STRONG (970-625-5404)



Attention: Glenn Davis , Glenn Adams

In response to your Febraury 28th letter. Here is our addendum to our 2013 operating plan.

The toolshed /cabin was built in 1941 as was the outhouse structure. The outhouse is pit contained with lye added.

I believe Rick with the Rifle ranger district currently has the gate combination ?. If not put in on file.

We do not store any , gas , diesel , motor oil , lubricants , or antifreeze on site. We only use propane why we are on site.

I, am not sure what you mean as far as solid waste ?

Gate reclamation will be done by hand and hauled out by truck. As for the road and site reclamation. I believe that should be reviewed at the time. Due to minimal use to road it is already re-vegetated. And the banks are most of the way slumped in.

As far as the tool shed / cabin. All metal parts to be hauled out. Logs could be loped and scattered for use on site and on road for part of the reclamation. Out house to be hauled out and re-vegetated.

Board walk to be dismantled and hauled out by truck. And path to be re-vegetated.

As for additional tools we will have F/S approved chainsaw and generator (small potable gas). We will have and already do have proper fire extinguishers on site. Fuel to be hauled in and used only when needed.

THANK YOU

JOHN STRONG

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Strong".

MAR 29 / 2013

STRONG MINING CO.

1505 E 12TH STREET RIFLE, COLO 81650
JONH E STRONG (970-625-5404)



STRONG MINE RECLAMATION PLAN

1/23/2013

When the time comes in the future.

We will dismantle tool shed/cabin and haul out.

Dismantle access to portal and haul out.

Dismantle Main gate and haul out.

Dismantle and haul out house.

Dismantle main gate and haul out..

Excavate and pull road and trail back to natural grade.

Close portal.

Re-vegetate any disturbed ground done by mining process.
Using forest service approved seed.

THANK YOU
JOHN E STRONG
PRES OF MINING COMPANY

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

White River
National
Forest

Rifle Ranger District
0094 County Road 244
Rifle, CO 81650
(970) 625-2371
FAX (970) 625-2532

File Code: 1950/2810

Date: February 12, 2014

John Strong
Strong Mining Co.
1505 12th Street
Rifle, CO 81650

Dear Mr. Strong:

Enclosed is a Categorical Exclusion Decision Memo for your proposed Plan of Operations (Plan) dated April 15, 2013.

The Decision Memo documents the change which we feel is required to minimize adverse environmental impacts that would result from your proposed operation. In addition to changing your plan of operations, State of Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, requires additional permits and a reclamation bond.

The change mentioned in the Decision Memo is incorporated into Section VI, A and B, of Form FS-2800-5, Plan of Operations For Mining Activities on National Forest Lands (see attached). If you agree to abide by the changes, sign under the operating Plan Acceptance line on the Form.

Please return the signed Plan. Once I have determined that the Plan is signed and a reclamation bond is in place with DRMS, I will approve the Plan of Operations by my signature and return a copy for your files. Once you have received the signed Plan, you may begin operations. My approval, however, does not relieve you from complying with other applicable state or federal laws, rules and regulations.

If you do not agree with the proposed changes, please respond to me as soon as possible to discuss your concerns. If we cannot resolve the disagreement, you have the right to appeal my decision under Forest Service Regulations 36 CFR 214. An appeal must be consistent with requirements detailed at 36 CFR 214.8(a) which includes:

1. The appellants name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and email address, if any;
2. A brief description of the decision being appealed, including the name and title of the Responsible Official and the date of the decision;
3. The title or type and, if applicable, identification number for the written authorization and the date of application for or issuance of the written authorization, if applicable;
4. A statement of how the appellant is adversely affected by the decision being appealed;



5. A statement of relevant facts underlying the decision being appealed;
6. A discussion of issues raised by the decision being appealed, including identification of any laws, regulations, or policies that were allegedly violated in reaching the decision being appealed;
7. A statement as to whether and how the appellant has attempted to resolve the issues under appeal with the Responsible Official and the date and the outcome of those efforts;
8. A statement of relief sought;
9. Any documents and other information upon which the appellant relies; and
10. The appellant's signature and the date.

Your appeal must be filed with the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days from the date of this letter, or by March 23, 2014. Appeals should be sent to: *Appeal Deciding Officer, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, 740 Simms, Golden, CO 80401. FAX (303) 275-5154.*

Appeals may be filed electronically to appeals-rocky-mountain-regional-office@fs.fed.us. The appeal must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic appeal.

Parties may request an oral presentation with the appeal deciding officer under 214.16. The decision shall be implemented unless the Deciding Officer grants a stay under 214.13(b) or an automatic stay goes into effect under 214.3(c). The Responsible Official may discuss an appeal with a party to narrow issues, agree on facts, and explore opportunities to resolve one or more of the issues in dispute by means other than issuance of appeal decision.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



/s/ Lydia LaBelle De Rios
LYDIA LABELLE DE RIOS
Acting District Ranger

cc: George Strong
P.O. Box 808
Silt
CO 81652

Enclosures: Decision Memo; FS-2800-5 Section VI

DECISION MEMO
APEX LODGE PROJECT PLAN OF OPERATIONS
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
RIFLE RANGER DISTRICT, WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO
T7S, R81W, Section 7, 6th P.M.

BACKGROUND

On April 6, 2013 Strong Mines submitted a Plan of Operations (Plan) for Apex Lodge to keep open and maintain their historic mine with infrastructure, with complete reclamation at cessation of mining, in the Carbonate Mining District in Garfield County, Colorado.

DECISION

I have decided to approve the Apex Lodge Project Plan with additional mitigation and monitoring. The complete list of additional required mitigation measures is included in the project record and will be incorporated into the Plan. These include cessation of operations, removal of structures and equipment, recontour and revegetation of roads, and departure from approved Plan; other mitigation includes noxious weed/undesirable plant control, road use and maintenance.

This action is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. The applicable category of actions is identified in agency procedures as "short term (one year or less) mineral, energy, or geophysical investigation and their incidental support activities, construction of less than one mile of low standard road, or use and minor repair of existing roads" (36 CFR 220.6(8)).

I took into account resource conditions identified in agency procedures that should be considered in determining whether extraordinary circumstances might exist:

- **Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, species proposed for Federal listing or proposed critical habitat, or Forest Service sensitive species.** A biological assessment/evaluation was conducted in November 2013 determined no threatened or endangered terrestrial or their critical habitat will be adversely affected by this project **Floodplains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds.**
The project area is not within any municipal watershed, and no wetlands or floodplains are present within the project area
- **Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or National Recreation Areas.**
The project is not within any wilderness, wilderness study area or national recreation area.
- **Inventoried Roadless Areas.**

The project is not within a roadless area.

- **Research Natural Areas.**

The project is not within a research natural area.

- **American Indian and Alaska Native Religious or Cultural Sites.**

A cultural resource report was completed November 2013 with a determination that no religious or cultural sites will be affected by this project..

- **Archaeological sites or historical properties or areas.**

There are no archaeological sites or historical properties in the project area.

Archaeological study and report completed in November 2013.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

This action was listed as a proposal on the White River National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions and updated periodically during the analysis. A notification letter was signed and e-mailed to 64 interested parties on December 18, 2013. Legal notice was posted in newspaper of record, *Rifle Citizen Telegram*, December 26, 2013. The public comment period ended January 21, 2014 and no comments were received.

FINDINGS REQUIRED BY OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS

This decision is consistent with the 2002 White River National Forest Land Management Plan (Forest Plan) as required by the National Forest Management Act.

This decision is compliant with the Endangered Species Act. A biological assessment/evaluation was conducted and the determination was no threatened or endangered terrestrial or their critical habitat will be adversely affected by this project (11/2013).

This decision is compliant with the National Historic Preservation Act. A cultural resource survey has been completed with a determination that no cultural resources will be affected by this project (11/2013).

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (APPEAL) OPPORTUNITIES

No substantive comments expressing concerns were received during the legal comment period (01/21/2014). Therefore pursuant to 36 CFR 215.12 this decision is not subject to appeal.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

Implementation of this project is expected upon receipt of a reclamation bond by the State of Colorado, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, by July 1, 2014.



CONTACT

For additional information concerning this decision, contact: Glenn Davis, White River National Forest Geologist, 120 Midland Avenue, Suite 140, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.

Glenn R. Adams

District Ranger

11/30/14

Date

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CERTIFICATION

The Applicant, Strong mining company (print applicant/company name),
by John Strong (print representative's name), as President of company (print
representative's title), does hereby certify that Strong mining company (structure owner) shall
be compensated for any damage from the proposed mining operation to the above listed structure(s)
located on or within 200 feet of the proposed affected area described within Exhibit A, of the Reclamation
Permit Application for Strong mine Apex lode (operation name),
File Number M- 20 - 14-011

*This form has been approved by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to its
authority under the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials and
the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations.
Any alteration or modification to this form shall result in voiding this form.*

NOTARY FOR PERMIT APPLICANT

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

Applicant John E Strong Representative Name Strong mining company

Date 6/5/2014 Title pres of company

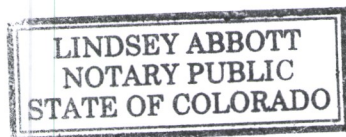
STATE OF Colorado)

) ss.

COUNTY OF Garfield)

The foregoing was acknowledged before me this 5 day of June, 2014, by
John E Strong as President of Strong Mining Co.

Lindsey Abbott
Notary Public My Commission Expires: 2-20-2016



NOTARY FOR STRUCTURE OWNER

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

Structure Owner Strong mining company Name John E. Strong

Date 6/5/2014 Title pres of company

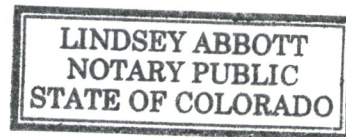
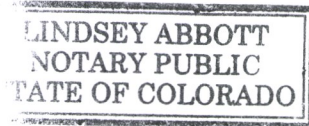
STATE OF Colorado)

COUNTY OF Garfield) ss.

The foregoing was acknowledged before me this 5 day of June, 20 14, by
John E Strong as President of Strong Mining Co.

Lindsey Abbott
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2-20-2015



Structure Agreement

The only structure on the Apex lode mining claims belongs to the mine operator. The White River National Forest, through the Rifle Ranger District, manages the lands it sits on.

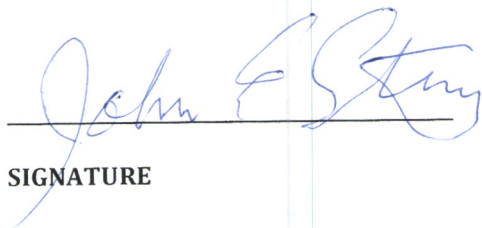
The following is a example that you may wish to use for the Notice required for Rule 1.6.2(l)(b).

NOTICE

This site is the location of a proposed mining operation. (Name of Applicant/Operator) John E. Strong, Strong mining company, whose address and phone number is (Address/Phone Number of the Applicant/Operator) 1505 East 12th street Rifle Co 81650 (970-625-5504), has applied for a Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board. Anyone wishing to comment on the application may view the application at the (County Name) Garfield County Clerk and Recorder's Office, (Clerk and Recorder's Office Address) 109 8th street Suite 210 Glenwood Springs Co 81601, and should send comments prior to the end of the public comment period to the Division of Reclamation , Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Certification:

I, N/A, hereby certify that I posted a sign containing the above notice for the proposed permit area known as the (Name of Operation) N/A, on (Date Posted) N/A.


SIGNATURE

06/05/2014
DATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That JOHN STRINE
ERNEST STRINE

has located the PEGGY lode mining claim, and by
this certificate, and by right of discovery and location, claim 1500
feet, linear and horizontal measurement along the vein thereof, with
all its dips, angles and variations as allowed by law 700
feet on said vein running EAST from the center of
the discovery SHAFT and 600
feet running WEST from the center of the discovery
SHAFT, together with 300 ft

feet on each side of the middle of said vein at the surface, and all veins, lodes, ledges, deposits and sur-
face ground within the lines of said claim, situate in Hot SPRINGS
Mining District, County of GARFIELD, and State of COLORADO

and described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at Corner No. 1 of the PEGGY CLAIM
WHICH IS CORNER NO. 4 THE
SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF THE
SCRANTON CLAIM WHICH IS RECORDED
IN THE HOT SPRINGS MINING DISTRICT
OF GARFIELD COUNTY STATE OF
COLORADO ON 5TH DAY OF AUGUST
1940 IN BOOK 2A PAGE 191 OF
LOCATION RECORD BOOK
CORNER NO. 2 IS 600 FT. NORTH
OF CORNER NO. 1 CORNER NO. 3 IS
1500 FT. EAST OF CORNER NO. 3
CORNER NO. 4 IS 600 FT. SOUTH
OF CORNER NO. 3 AND 1500
WEST OF CORNER NO. 4 IS THE
BEGINNING

Built

Said lode was discovered on the 5th day of JUNE A. D. 1956
and located on the 27th day of JUNE A. D. 1956
Dated this 27th day of JUNE A. D. 1956

Ernest Strine [SEAL]

John H. Strine [SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

George provided a
darker copy of this deed

No. 162 LOCATION CERTIFICATE - Lode Claim. - Bradford Rollins Plac. Co. Mfrs. & Leases of Lode Property, Denver, Colo.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That John and Ernest Stringer

have located the Pat Pat lode mining claim, and by
this certificate, and by right of discovery and location, claim 1500

feet, linear and horizontal measurement along the vein thereof, with
all its dips, angles and variations as allowed by law 700 East

feet on said vein running East from the center of
the discovery 1500 ft and 300

feet running East from the center of the discovery
1500 ft together with 300

feet on each side of the middle of said vein at the surface, and all veins, lodes, ledges, deposits and sur-
face ground within the lines of said claim, situate in Hot Springs

Mining District, County of Chouteau, and State of Colorado

and described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at Corner No. 1, which is the South West corner of
Pat claim, also being the North West corner of the
Peggy claim, thence North to corner #2,
thence running 1500 ft East to corner #3, thence
running 600 ft South to corner #4, thence
running West 1500 ft to point of beginning

Built

Said lode was discovered on the 24 day of June, A. D. 1956
and located on the 27 day of June, A. D. 1956
Dated this 27 day of June, A. D. 1956

Ernest Stringer (SEAL)
John H. Stringer (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

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No. 162 LOCATION CERTIFICATE-Lode Claim-Bradford-Rothman Inc. Co. Mfrs. Rothman's Lead Blasts, Denver, Colo.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That

~~BRENDA~~
SCHAFF & ERNEST STRONG

have located the BRENDA lode mining claim, and by
this certificate, and by right of discovery and location, claim 1500

feet, linear and horizontal measurement, along the vein thereof, with
all its dips, angles and variations as allowed by law 700

feet on said vein running EAST from the center of

the discovery SHAFT and 500

feet running WEST from the center of the discovery

SHAFT together with 300

feet on each side of the middle of said vein at the surface, and all veins, lodes, ledges, deposits and sur-
face ground within the lines of said claim, situate in HOT SPRINGS

Mining District, County of GARFIELD, and State of COLORADO

and described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at Corner No. 1 WHICH IS THE NORTH WEST
CORNER OF THE PAT. CLAIM
RUNNING NORTH 600 FT. TO CORNER
NO 2 THEN EAST 1500 FT. TO CORNER
NO 3 THEN 600 FT. SOUTH TO CORNER
NO 4 THEN 1500 FT. ^{WEST} TO POINT OF
BEGINNING

Said lode was discovered on the 5TH day of JUNE, A. D. 1956

and located on the 27TH day of JUNE, A. D. 1956

Dated this 27TH day of JUNE, A. D. 1956

Ernest Strong

[SEAL]

John H. Strong

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

Built

Recorded June 27, 1956 at 3:00 P.M.

Record No. 194557

Chas. S. Keegan, Recorder

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No. 111 LOCATION CERTIFICATE-Lode Claim - Bradford Robinson Plc. Co. Mtn. Robinson's Lead Blanks, Denver, Colo.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That John H. Flynn

has located the Shoofly lode, mining claim, and by this certificate, and by right of discovery and location, claim

1500 feet, linear and horizontal measurement along the vein thereof, with all its dips, angles and variations as allowed by law

North feet on said vein running North from the center of the discovery

3.0 feet running South from the center of the discovery

shaft together with 300 feet on each side of the middle of said vein at the surface, and all veins, lodes, ledges, deposits and surface ground within the lines of said claim, situate in

Hot Springs Mining District, County of Garfield and State of Colorado

and described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at Corner No. 1 which is the southwest corner of the Peppy claim running 1000 ft north to corner no. 2, then running 600 ft east to corner no. 3, then running 1500 ft south to corner no. 4, then running 600 ft west to point of beginning

Said lode was discovered on the 5th day of June A. D. 1956

and located on the 27th day of June A. D. 1956

Dated this 27th day of June A. D. 1956

Ernest Strong [SEAL]

John H. Flynn [SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

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George provided
a darker copy
of this deed

Bm H



Mount Sopris Conservation District

258 Center Dr, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

970-945-5494 ext. 105

www.mountsopriscd.org

RECEIVED

JUN 30 2014

GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE
DIVISION OF
RECLAMATION MINING & SAFETY

June 10, 2014

To Whom It May Concern, Letter of Receipt:

On June 10, 2014, George Strong delivered documents pertaining to Strong Mining Company, Apex Load in Garfield County, Colorado. Permit application number is M-20-14-011.

Sincerely,

Sharie Prow, District Manager
Mount Sopris Conservation District

Jeff Nieslanik, President, Sandy Jackson, V-President, Robert Burry, Secretary / Treasurer
Sean Martin & Mike Wilde, Board Members
Dennis Davidson, IWM Specialist & Rick Brooks, Conservation Technician
Sharie Prow, District Manager



Jean M. Alberico, Garfield County Clerk and Recorder

109 8th Street, Suite 200, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601 (970) 384-3700 Opt 2

June 10, 2014

To The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety:

This letter is to inform you that Mr. John Strong from Strong Mining Company has dropped off the reclamation permit application form (permit # M 20-14-011) for filing in the Garfield County Clerk and Recorder's office. It can be viewed in the recording office.

Beverly Eberle
Recording Clerk

Beverly Eberle
Recording Dept.



108 8th Street, #213
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
970-945-5004

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Reclamation Permit Application Form #M-20-14-011:

Received by Vola Mercer, Administrative Assistant, Garfield County Administration and Commissioners

Dated 6.10.2014:

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Vola Mercer

VOLA MERCER

6.10.14



Vola Mercer
Administrative Assistant

108 8th Street, Suite 213
Glenwood Springs
Colorado 81601

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Cell: 970-210-3761

vmcercer@garfield-county.com
www.garfield-county.com

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION
FOR COLORADO MINED LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT
FOR **CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS LIMITED IMPACT (110) OPERATION**

NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Garfield COUNTY

Strong mining company (the "Applicant/Operator") has applied for a Construction Materials Limited Impact (110) Reclamation permit from the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (the "Board") to conduct the extraction of construction materials in Garfield County. The attached information is being provided to notify you of the location and nature of the proposed operation. The entire application is on file with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (the "Division") and the local county clerk and recorder.

The applicant/operator proposes to reclaim the affected land to Natural use. Pursuant to Section 34-32.5-116(4)(m), C.R.S., the Board may confer with the local Board of County Commissioners before approving of the post-mining land use. Accordingly, the Board would appreciate your comments on the proposed operation. Please note that, in order to preserve your right to a hearing before the Board on this application, you must submit written comments on the application within ten (10) days after the date of the applicant's newspaper publication.

If you would like to discuss the proposed post-mining land use, or any other issue regarding this application, please contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567.

NOTE TO APPLICANT/OPERATOR: You **MUST** attach a copy of the application form to this notice. If this is a notice of a change to a previously filed application you must either attach a copy of the changes, or attach a complete and accurate description of the change.

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION
FOR COLORADO MINED LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT
FOR **CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS LIMITED IMPACT (110) OPERATION**

NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE LOCAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Mtn Sopris DISTRICT

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1 From

Date

6/30/14

Sender's
Name

Stephanie Mitchell

Phone

720 402 9162

Company

DRMS

Address

101 S. 3rd St. Suite 301

City

Manitou Junction

State

CO

ZIP

81501

2 Your Internal Billing Reference

3 To

Recipient's
Name

Michelle Ramirez

Phone

303 866 3567

Company

DRMS

Address

1313 Sherman St. 215

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State

CO

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80203

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* To most locations.

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For packages over 150 lbs., use the new
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Next Business Day

☐ **FedEx First Overnight**

Earliest next business morning delivery to select locations. Friday shipments will be delivered on Monday unless SATURDAY Delivery is selected.

☐ **FedEx Priority Overnight**

Next business morning. * Friday shipments will be delivered on Monday unless SATURDAY Delivery is selected.

☐ **FedEx Standard Overnight**

Next business afternoon. * Saturday Delivery NOT available.

2 or 3 Business Days

☐ **FedEx 2Day A.M.**

Second business morning. * Saturday Delivery NOT available.

☐ **FedEx 2Day**

Second business afternoon. * Thursday shipments will be delivered on Monday unless SATURDAY Delivery is selected.

☐ **FedEx Express Saver**

Third business day. * Saturday Delivery NOT available.

5 Packaging

* Declared value limit \$500.

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☐ **FedEx Pak***

☐ **FedEx Box**

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☐ **SATURDAY Delivery**

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☐ **No Signature Required**

Package may be left without obtaining a signature for delivery.

☐ **Direct Signature**

Someone at recipient's address may sign for delivery. **Fee applies.**

☐ **Indirect Signature**

If no one is available at recipient's address, someone at a neighboring address may sign for delivery. For residential deliveries only. **Fee applies.**

Does this shipment contain dangerous goods?

One box must be checked.

☒ **No**

☐ **Yes**

As per attached Shipper's Declaration.

☐ **Yes**

Shipper's Declaration not required.

☐ **Dry Ice**

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x kg

Dangerous goods (including dry ice) cannot be shipped in FedEx packaging or placed in a FedEx Express Drop Box.

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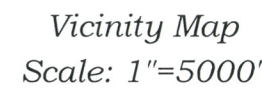
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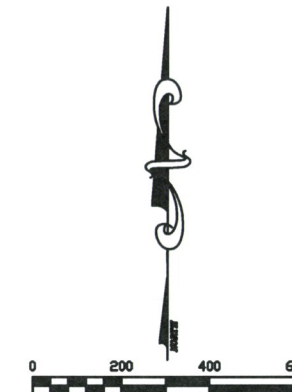
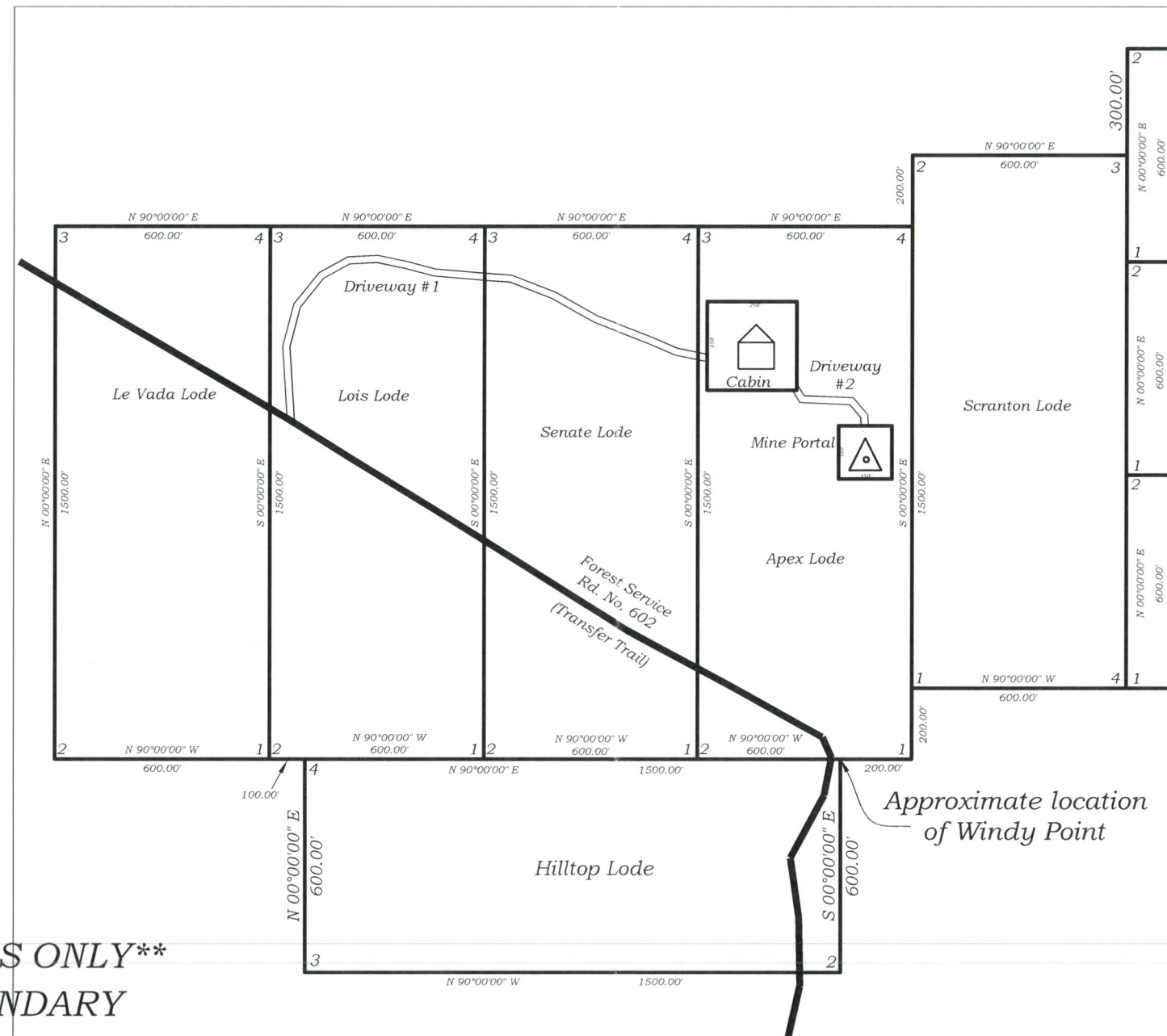
*Mineral Lode Claims Located in the Hot Springs Mining District, Situate in
Section 7, 8, 17 & 18, Township 5 South, Range 88 West of the 6th P.M.,
County of Garfield, State of Colorado*



NOTES

- 1.) THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXHIBIT IS TO SHOW THE GENERAL LOCATION OF THE MINING CLAIMS REFERENCED HERON AND THE APPROXIMATE ROAD, CABIN, AND PORTAL LOCATIONS.
- 2.) THIS EXHIBIT NOT INTENDED FOR ESTABLISHING BOUNDARY'S OF MINING CLAIMS.
- 3.) THIS EXHIBIT IS BASED ON THE MINING DEED BOOK 322, PAGE 454, THE LOCATION CERTIFICATE LODE CLAIM BOOK 294, PAGES 56-59 AND BOOK L2A, PAGES 188-191, AS FILED WITH THE GARFIELD COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S OFFICE.
- 4.) THIS SURVEY WAS PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A CURRENT TITLE COMMITMENT AND DOES NOT REPRESENT A TITLE SEARCH BY THIS SURVEYOR OR BOKKLIFF SURVEY SERVICES, INC. OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP, COMPATIBILITY WITH ADJACENT PARCELS, OR EASEMENT OR ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORDS AFFECTING THIS PARCEL.

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NOT INTENDED FOR BOUNDARY
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FOUND MONUMENTATION
WHEN FIELD SURVEY IS COMPLETED



DRIVEWAY #1 (20 FT WIDE 157' IN LENGTH) FROM FOREST SERVICE RD NO. 602 TO CABIN DISTURBANCE PERIMETER =	0.726 ACRES
APPROXIMATE CABIN DISTURBANCE AREA (250' X 250') = DRIVEWAY #2 (20 FT WIDE 249' IN LENGTH)	1.435 ACRES
FROM CABIN TO PORTAL	0.116 ACRES
APPROXIMATE MINE PORTAL DISTURBANCE AREA (150' X 150')	<u>0.517 ACRES</u>
APPROXIMATE TOTAL DISTURBANCE AREA	<u>2.793 ACRES</u>

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LOCATION CERTIFICATE

STATE OF COLORADO,
County of Garfield } ss.

I hereby certify that this Location Certificate was filed for record in my office, at 800 o'clock A. M., May 2 1940, and is duly recorded in Book DR2A at Page 188.

Walter J. Frost Recorder
By C. Has. S. Tegan Deputy

Fees, \$

STATE OF COLORADO, } ss.

County of Garfield } ss.

Know all Men by these Presents, That E. J. Pitts and
H. E. Rawlings

the undersigned, have, this 1st day of May 1940, located and claimed, and by these presents do locate and claim, by right of discovery and location, in compliance with the Mining Acts of Congress, approved May 10, 1872, and all subsequent acts, and with local customs, laws and regulations, fifteen hundred linear feet and horizontal measurement on the S. 1/4 line No. 1 Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, along the Vein thereof, with all its Dips, Angles and Variations, as allowed by law, together with 300 feet on Southerly side and each side of the middle of said Vein at the surface, so far as can be determined from present developments; and all Veins, Lodes, Ledges or Deposits and Surface

Ground, within the lines of said claim, 750 feet running north west from center of discovery shaft, and 750 feet running Southeast from center of discovery shaft; said discovery shaft being situate upon said Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, and within the lines of said claim, in unknown Mining District, County of Garfield, and State of Colorado, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at corner No. 1, which is identical with the East quarter corner of Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 92 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, thence South 45° East 1500 feet to Corner No. 2, thence North 45° East 600 feet to Corner No. 3, thence North 45° West 1500 feet to Corner No. 4, thence South 45° West 600 feet to Corner No. 1, the point of beginning

Said Lode was discovered on the 25 day

of March A. D. 1940

Attest:
Date of Location April 4 A.D. 1940

Date of Certificate, May 1 A. D. 1940

E. J. Pitts
H. E. Rawlings



LOCATION CERTIFICATE

STATE OF COLORADO,
County of Garfield } ss.

I hereby certify that this Location Certificate was filed for record in my office, at 2:14 o'clock P. M., Aug 5 1940, and is duly recorded in Book DR2A at Page 188.

Walter J. Frost Recorder

Fees \$

STATE OF COLORADO, } ss.

County of Garfield } ss.

Know all Men by these Presents, That Ernest Strong and John Strong

the undersigned, have, this fifth day of August 1940, located and claimed, and by these presents do locate and claim, by right of discovery and location, in compliance with the Mining Acts of Congress, approved May 10, 1872, and all subsequent acts, and with local customs, laws and regulations, fifteen hundred linear feet and horizontal measurement on the Apex Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, along the Vein thereof, with all its Dips, Angles and Variations, as allowed by law, together with 400 feet on East side and 200 feet on the West side of the middle of said Vein at the surface, so far as can be determined from present developments; and all Veins, Lodes, Ledges or Deposits and Surface

Ground, within the lines of said claim, 700 feet running North from center of discovery shaft, and 800 feet running South from center of discovery shaft; said discovery shaft being situate upon said Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, and within the lines of said claim, in The Hot Springs Mining District, County of Garfield, and State of Colorado, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at corner No. 1, being the Southeast Corner of said Apex Claim, which said corner is 200 feet East of a stone monument on a projecting rock cliff, mapped and known as Hindu Point; thence 600 feet West to Corner No. 2; thence 1500 feet North to Corner No. 3, thence 600 feet East to Corner No. 4; thence 1500 feet South to Corner No. 1, the place of beginning.

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Said Lode was discovered on the first day

of July A. D. 1940

Attest:
Date of location August 5th A.D. 1940

Date of Certificate, August 5th A. D. 1940

Ernest Strong
John Strong



STATE OF COLORADO,
County of Garfield } ss.
I hereby certify that this Location
Certificate was filed for record in my
office, at 2:15 o'clock P.M.,
Aug 5 1940, and
is duly recorded in Book LR 2A
at Page 189.
Walter J. Frost
Recorder.
Fees, \$

County of Garfield } ss. Lode. LR 2A P 189
Know all Men by these Presents, That
Ernest Strong and John Strong
the undersigned, have, this 5th day of August, 1940, located
and claimed, and by these presents do locate and claim, by right of discovery and location, in com-
pliance with the Mining Acts of Congress, approved May 10, 1872, and all subsequent acts, and with
local customs, laws and regulations, fifteen hundred linear feet and horizontal measure-
ment on the Senate Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, along the Vein
thereof, with all its Dips, Angles and Variations, as allowed by law, together with 300
feet on east side and 300 feet on the west side of the middle of said Vein at the surface, so far as
can be determined from present developments; and all Veins, Lodes, Ledges or Deposits and Surface

Ground, within the lines of said claim, 1450 feet running South from center of dis-
covery shaft, and 50 feet running North from center of discovery shaft; said discovery
shaft being situate upon said Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, and within the lines of said claim, in Hot Springs
Mining District, County of Garfield, and State of Colorado, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at corner No. 1, being the Southeast Corner of said Senate Claim, which corner is
identical with Corner No. 2 of the Apex Lode Mining Claim, thence West 600 feet to
Corner No. 2; thence North 1500 feet to Corner No. 3; thence East 600 feet to
Corner No. 4; thence South 1500 feet to Corner No. 1, the place of beginning.

Said Lode was discovered on the first day
of July A. D. 1940.
Attest:
Date of Location August 5th, A.D. 1940
Date of Certificate, August 5th A. D. 1940.

Ernest Strong
John Strong



LOCATION CERTIFICATE

STATE OF COLORADO,
County of Garfield } ss.
I hereby certify that this Location
Certificate was filed for record in my
office, at 2:16 o'clock P.M.,
Aug. 5 1940, and
is duly recorded in Book LR 2A
at Page 189.
Walter J. Frost
Recorder.
Fees \$

STATE OF COLORADO, } ss. Lode.
County of Garfield }
Know all Men by these Presents, That
Ernest Strong and John Strong
the undersigned, have, this 5th day of August, 1940, located
and claimed, and by these presents do locate and claim, by right of discovery and location, in com-
pliance with the Mining Acts of Congress, approved May 10, 1872, and all subsequent acts, and with
local customs, laws and regulations, fifteen hundred linear feet and horizontal measure-
ment on the Leas Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, along the Vein
thereof, with all its Dips, Angles and Variations, as allowed by law, together with 300
feet on east side and 300 feet on the west side of the middle of said Vein at the surface, so far as
can be determined from present developments; and all Veins, Lodes, Ledges or Deposits and Surface
Ground, within the lines of said claim, 1450 feet running South from center of dis-
covery shaft, and 50 feet running North from center of discovery shaft; said discovery
shaft being situate upon said Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, and within the lines of said claim, in Hot Springs
Mining District, County of Garfield, and State of Colorado, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at corner No. 1, which is the Southeast Corner of said Leas Claim, and which said
corner is identical with Corner No. 2 of the Senate Lode Mining Claim, and said
Corner No. 1, being 1200 feet West of Corner No. 1 of the Apex Lode Mining Claim;
thence West 600 feet to Corner No. 2; thence North 1500 feet to Corner No. 3; thence
East 600 feet to Corner No. 4; thence South 1500 feet to Corner No. 1, the place
beginning

Said Lode was discovered on the 1st day
of July A. D. 1940.
Attest:
Date of Location August 5 A.D. 1940
Date of Certificate, August 5 A. D. 1940.

Ernest Strong
John Strong



LOCATION CERTIFICATE

STATE OF COLORADO, }
County of Garfield } ss.

I hereby certify that this Location Certificate was filed for record in my office, at 2:17 o'clock P. M., Aug. 5 1940, and is duly recorded in Book LR 2A at Page 190.

Walter J. Frost
Recorder.

Fees, \$ _____

Ground, within the lines of said claim, 1450 feet running South from center of discovery shaft, and 50 feet feet running North from center of discovery shaft; said discovery shaft being situate upon said Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, and within the lines of said claim, in The Hot Springs Mining District, County of Garfield, and State of Colorado, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at corner No. 1, which corner is the Southeast corner of said Belada Claim, and which corner is identical with Corner No. 2 of the Leis Lode Mining Claim and which said Corner No. 1, is 1800 feet West of Corner No. 1 of the Apex Lode Mining Claim; thence West 600 feet to Corner No. 2; thence North 1500 feet to Corner No. 3; thence East 600 feet to Corner No. 4; thence South 1500 feet to Corner No. 1, the place of beginning.

Bmt

Said Lode was discovered on the 1st dayof July A. D. 1940

Attest:

Date of location August 5, A.D. 1940Date of Certificate, August 5 A. D. 1940.Ernest Strong
John Strong

LOCATION CERTIFICATE

STATE OF COLORADO, }
County of Garfield } ss.

I hereby certify that this Location Certificate was filed for record in my office, at 2:18 o'clock P. M., Aug. 5 1940, and is duly recorded in Book LR 2A at Page 190.

Walter J. Frost
Recorder.

Fees \$ _____

Ground, within the lines of said claim, 100 feet running East from center of discovery tunnel shaft, and 1400 feet running West from center of discovery tunnel shaft; said discovery shaft being situate upon said Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, and within the lines of said claim, in The Hot Springs Mining District, County of Garfield, and State of Colorado, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at corner No. 1, which is the Northeast corner of said Hilltop Claim and which said corner is 200 feet West of Corner No. 1 of the Apex Lode Mining Claim; thence South 600 feet to Corner No. 2; thence West 1500 feet to Corner No. 3; thence North 600 feet to Corner No. 4; thence East 1500 feet to Corner No. 1, the place of beginning.

Bmt

Said Lode was discovered on the 1st dayof July A. D. 1940.

Attest:

Date of location August 5th A.D. 1940Date of Certificate, August 5 A. D. 1940.Ernest Strong
John Strong

STATE OF COLORADO,
County of Garfield } ss.
I hereby certify that this Location
Certificate was filed for record in my
office, at 2:19 o'clock P. M.,
Aug 5 1940, and
is duly recorded in Book LR2A
at Page 191.
Walter Frost
Recorder.
Fees, \$

County of Garfield } ss. Lode.
Know all Men by these Presents, That
Ernest Strong and John Strong
the undersigned, have, this 5th day of August, 1940, located
and claimed, and by these presents do locate and claim, by right of discovery and location, in com-
pliance with the Mining Acts of Congress, approved May 10, 1872, and all subsequent acts, and with
local customs, laws and regulations, fifteen hundred linear feet and horizontal measure-
ment on the Scranton Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, along the Vein
thereof, with all its Dips, Angles and Variations, as allowed by law, together with 400
feet on West side, and 200 feet on the east side of the middle of said Vein at the surface, so far as
can be determined from present developments; and all Veins, Lodes, Ledges or Deposits and Surface

Ground, within the lines of said claim, 800 feet running North from center of dis-
covery shaft, and 700 feet running South from center of discovery shaft; said discovery
shaft being situate upon said Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, and within the lines of said claim, in The Hot Springs
Mining District, County of Garfield, and State of Colorado, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:
Beginning at corner No. 1, which is the Southwest corner of said Scranton Claim,
and said corner being 200 feet North of Corner No. 1 of the Apex Lode
Mining Claim; thence North 1500 feet to Corner No. 2; thence East 600
feet to Corner No. 3; thence South 1500 feet to Corner No. 4; thence 600
feet to Corner No. 1 the place of beginning.
BmH

Said Lode was discovered located on the 1st day
of August A. D. 1940
Attest: Date of location August 5 A.D. 1940
Date of Certificate, August 5 A. D. 1940.
Ernest Strong
John Strong
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LOCATION CERTIFICATE
STATE OF COLORADO,
County of Garfield } ss.
I hereby certify that this Location
Certificate was filed for record in my
office, at 3:18 o'clock P. M.,
Aug 17 1940, and
is duly recorded in Book LR2A
at Page 191.
Walter J. Frost
Recorder.
Fees \$

STATE OF COLORADO,
County of Garfield } ss. Lode.
Know all Men by these Presents, That Charley Downey
& R. E. Inail
the undersigned, have, this 18 day of Mar, 1940, located
and claimed, and by these presents do - locate and claim, by right of discovery and location, in com-
pliance with the Mining Acts of Congress, approved May 10, 1872, and all subsequent acts, and with
local customs, laws and regulations, 1500 ft. by 600 linear feet and horizontal measure-
ment on the Pay Day East Extension No. 3 Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, along the Vein
thereof, with all its Dips, Angles and Variations, as allowed by law, together with 200
feet on South westerly side and 300 feet on the north easterly side of the middle of said Vein at the surface, so far as
can be determined from present developments; and all Veins, Lodes, Ledges or Deposits and Surface

Ground, within the lines of said claim, 300 feet running each side of vein from center of dis-
covery shaft, and 300 feet running each side of vein from center of discovery shaft; said discovery
shaft being situate upon said Lode, Vein, Ledge or Deposit, and within the lines of said claim, in Rifle Creek Mining District
Mining District, County of Garfield, and State of Colorado, described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:
Beginning at corner No. 1, thence running 1800 ft. in a north-easterly direction corner stake No. 2
thence running 600 ft in south easterly direction to corner stake No. 3. thence 1500 ft. in south -
westwely direction to corner stake No. 4 thence running 600 ft. in a north westerly direction to
Corner stake No. 1 the place of beginning, from corner stake No. 1. to the School house in School
district No. 20 on Rifle Creek in Garfield County Colo. a distance of 18400 ft. more or less.

Said Lode was discovered located on the 18 day
of March A. D. 1940
Attest: Date of location March 18-1940
Date of Certificate, March 18 A. D. 1940.
C. A. Downey
R. E. Inail
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