



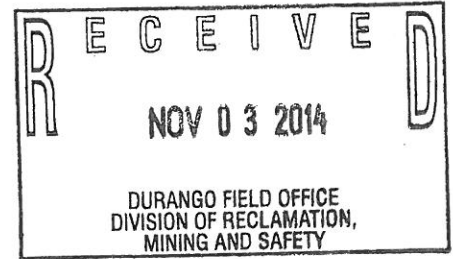
REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1325 J STREET
SACRAMENTO CA 95814-2922

October 29, 2014

Regulatory Division SPK-2014-01004

Mr. Melvin Gydesen
Lucky Strike Lode Mining Company
229 County Road 11, Space #21
Gunnison, Colorado 81230



M-1982-020
AMENDMENT AM-01

Dear Mr. Gydesen:

We are responding to Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety's October 24, 2014, request for comments on the Sooner Lucky Strike Mine project. The site is located south of an unnamed tributary of Stubbs Gulch within the SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 48 North, Range 1 East, Latitude 38.4309°, Longitude -106.8541°, Gunnison County, Colorado. Your identification number with the State is File No. M-1982-020.

The Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction within the study area is under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. Waters of the United States include, but are not limited to, rivers, perennial or intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, marshes, wet meadows, and seeps. Project features that result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will require Department of the Army authorization prior to starting work. Regulated waters located in the vicinity of the project appear to include two unnamed tributaries of Stubbs Gulch.

The range of alternatives considered for this project should include alternatives that avoid impacts to wetlands or other waters of the United States. Every effort should be made to avoid project features which require the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. In the event it can be clearly demonstrated there are no practicable alternatives to filling waters of the United States, you should contact our office to discuss permitting and potential mitigation options.

Please refer to identification number SPK-2014-01004 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Sheata at the Colorado West Regulatory Branch, 400 Rood Avenue, Room 224, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by email at *Carrie.A.Sheata@usace.army.mil*, or telephone at (970) 243-1199, extension 14. For more information regarding our program, please visit our website at *www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx*.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

Susan Bachini Nall
Chief, Colorado West Branch
Regulatory Division

cc:

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Mr. Russ Forrest, Gunnison County Community Development, 221 N. Wisconsin,
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