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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Whiting Pit, Permit No. M-2007-025, Comments Regarding 112c Amendment Application

Dear Mr. Kalenak:

On February 24, 2015 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received comments regarding the above referenced application from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

Please note the jurisdictional issues presented by the SHPO.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office.

Sincerely,

Dustin Czapla

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Enclosed: SHPO comments dated February 19, 2015



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Response

Re: Notice of 110 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Amendment Application Consideration Delta County, Whiting Pit, Permit No. M-2007-025 (SHPO Project #67474)

Dear Mr. Czapla:

Thank you for your correspondence dated February 12, 2015 (received by our office on February 17, 2015) regarding the subject project.

A search of the Colorado Cultural Resource Inventory database indicated two previously recorded sites within the project area:

Site No.:	Name	National Register Eligibility:	Recording or Assessment Year:
5DT1735.1	GHIA LATERAL - ORCHARD MESA LATERAL	Officially Eligible	2009 (Assessment)
5DT1815.1	GHIA LATERAL - SEGMENT	Supports eligibility of entire linear resource	2011 (Assessment)

In addition two previous surveys with report numbers: DT.R.R7 and MC.R.R36 covered small portions of the permit area.

Our files contain incomplete information for this area, as most of Colorado has not been inventoried for cultural resources. As a result, there is the possibility that as yet unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed permit area.

Should human remains be discovered during mining activities, the requirements under State law C.R.S. 24-80 (part 13) apply and must be followed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Todd McMahon, Staff Archaeologist at (303) 866-4607/ todd.mcmahon@state.co.us or Dan Corson, Intergovernmental Services Director at (303) 866-2673/ dan.corson@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Nichols
State Historic Preservation Officer
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