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RECLAMATION MINING & SAFETY**

Natural Soda LLC.

Attention: Kirk Daehling

3200 County Rd. 31

Rifle, Colorado 81650

Dear Mr. Daehling:

We have reviewed your December 31, 2014 requests to construct one well pad, drill three sets of horizontal production wells (15H-I, 15H-R, 16H-I, 16H-R, 17H-I, and 17H-R) with associated access, power line and processing pipelines. The proposed project is located in Township 1 South, Range 98 West; Section 27, Lot 16, Section 34, Lot 1, and Section 35, Lot 4; 6th P.M.. This project is considered to be a minor modification to the approved "Natural Soda 2010 Mine Plan and Environmental Monitoring Plan" and is approved with the following conditions of approval (COA). Please take special notice of COA Number 8.

1. NS 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. NS 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. NS, under guidance of the BLM, will

Additional bonding to include the estimated reclamation costs of the well pad and associated wells will be required prior to the commencement of construction activities. This additional bonding requirement will be determined in coordination with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. If there any questions, please contact Paul Daggett Mining Engineer at (970) 878-3819.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kent E. Walter".

Kent Walter
Field Manager

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Drilling Permits for 15HI, 15HR, 16HI, 16HR, 17HI, 17HR

cc:

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