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Natural Soda Inc.
Attention: Kirk Daehling
3200 County Rd. 31
Rifle, Colorado 81650

Dear Mr. Daehling:

We have reviewed your May 11, 2015 request to construct a Brine Filtration Unit (BFU) within the existing surface disturbance of the plant facility. The proposed project is located in Township 1 South, Range 98 West; Section 26, Lot 7 of the 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:

1. All activities shall comply with the approved "Natural Soda 2010 Mine Plan and Environmental Monitoring Plan".
2. Natural Soda 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.
3. 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. The applicant 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. The applicant, under guidance of the BLM, will implement the mitigation in a timely manner. The process will be fully documented in reports, site forms, maps, drawings, and photographs. The BLM will forward documentation to the SHPO for review and concurrence.
4. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g), the applicant must notify the AO, by telephone and written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), the