



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

November 02, 2015

Phil Dorenkamp
Las Animas County
2000 N. Linden Ave.
Trinidad, CO 81082

Re: Yocam Pit, Permit No. M-1999-060, Conversion Approval, Revision No. CN-01

Mr. Dorenkamp:

On November 02, 2015 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) approved the conversion application submitted to the Division on August 25, 2015, addressing the following:

Conversion from a 110c to a 112c reclamation permit. Add 57.4 acres for a revised permit area of 67.3 acres.

This conversion also changes the maximum allowed disturbed acreage from 10 acres to 50 acres.

The terms of the Conversion No. 01 approved by the Division are hereby incorporated into Permit No. M-1999-060. All other conditions and requirements of Permit No. M-1999-060 remain in full force and effect.

Please see enclosed comments regarding the conversion application that were submitted to the Division within the public comment period.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 303-866-3567, extension 8129, or by email at amy.eschberger@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Amy Eschberger
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure(s): Comment from Division of Water Resources, received 10/19/2015
Comment from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, received 10/20/2015

CC: Gary D. Hill Wally Erickson, DRMS
Las Animas County
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Response to Reclamation Permit Conversion Application Consideration

DATE: October 16, 2015
TO: Amy Eschberger, Environmental Protection Specialist
CC: Division 2 Office; District 67 Water Commissioner
FROM: Caleb Foy, P.E.
RE: Yocam Pit, File No. M-1999-060
Operator: Las Animas County
Contact: Phil Dorenkamp, (719) 846-2931
Sec. 29, Twp. 29S, Rng. 51W, 6th P.M., Las Animas County

CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL

- ☒ The proposed operation does not anticipate exposing groundwater. Therefore, exposure of ground water must not occur during or after mining operations. If stormwater is contained on-site, it must infiltrate into the ground or be released to the natural stream system within 72 hours, or all work must cease until a substitute water supply plan, or augmentation plan approved by water court, is obtained. Reclamation plans must ensure water will not be retained onsite for more than 72 hours unless an augmentation plan approved by water court is obtained.
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COMMENTS: N/A



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10/14/2015

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety
Attn: Amy Eschberger
1313 Sherman St. Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Notice of 110(c) to 112(c) Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Conversion
Application Consideration,

Las Animas County, Yocam Pit, Permit No. M1999-060-CN01

Dear Amy Eschberger:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Las Animas County Conversion of the Yocam Pit located at the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 29, Township 29S, Range 51 West. One of our goals at Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is to provide complete, consistent and timely information to all entities who request comment on matters within our statutory authority and our mission.

The majority of this currently undeveloped land comprised of shortgrass prairie. Colorado Parks and Wildlife would expect to find a variety of small ground-dwelling mammals, ground-nesting birds, raptors, pronghorn antelope, mule deer, coyotes, and passerine birds at the site of this gravel pit.

This area is not part of any significant migration route or corridor for wildlife. There may be occasional passerine birds migrating through the area in the spring and fall but the impacts to wildlife are expected to be minimal.

It is unlikely that any state or federally listed threatened or endangered species are present at this site.

Due to the small acreage and high availability of undisturbed habitat adjacent to the proposed site, impacts of the gravel pit, as proposed, may be characterized as minimal.



CPW's main concern with this project is the reclamation of the pit once the mining is complete. CPW recommends that approval be contingent upon a formal bonded reclamation agreement which includes reseeding the area using a weed-free shortgrass prairie seed mix consistent with surrounding vegetation. CPW recommends monitoring for growth of noxious weeds that could be brought in on equipment and spread to this site or spread through disturbance of the soil. If noxious weeds are detected, CPW recommends immediately destroying them by spraying or by mechanical removal.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal. If you have any questions or need any additional assistance please contact District Wildlife Manager Brian Marsh at (719) 980-0025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Black". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Travis" and last name "Black" clearly distinguishable.

Travis Black
Area Wildlife Manager

Cc: Dan Prenzlöw, Regional Manager; Brett Ackerman, Assistant Regional Manager; Brian Marsh, District Wildlife Manager