

EXHIBIT H

Wildlife

Attached is the Wildlife Statement from the Division of
Wildlife.

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MINED LAND PERMIT APPLICANT'S QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name of Company: Colorado Lien Company
2. Name of Contact Person: James E. Brownhill
3. Phone Number: 493-7017
4. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1961, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522
5. Name of Mine: Rifle Quarry
6. Location of Mine: T4S R92W S15 SW1/4
Township, Range, Section and Quarter Section
7. Land Ownership: (Circle) 1. Private 2. (BLM) 3. Forest Service
4. Other (Specify) _____
8. Type of Operation: (Circle) 1. (Surface) 2. Underground
9. Number of surface acres disturbed by mining operation, (not including roads).
20 Acres
10. Miles of roads constructed, or to be constructed, associated with mine operation (including exploratory roads). 1/2 Mile
11. Approximate number of years mine will be in operation: 75 Years
12. Brief description of operation and reclamation plans: See Attached
Extraction Plan

13. Please enclose a copy of a map showing the project disturbance areas, and additional information on the operation, if the material is available. This will help the DOW expedite processing a wildlife statement for your MLR application. Insufficient information on project location and plans often results in a delay in providing a statement. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Richard D. Lamm, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

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Grand Junction, CO 81501



June 26, 1979

James E. Brownhill
Colorado Lien Co.
P.O. Box 1961
Ft. Collins, CO 80522

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a wildlife statement for your Mined Land Reclamation Permit Application. The Division of Wildlife is anxious to work with your company throughout the operation and reclamation phases to solve problems of mutual concern. If we can be of any assistance in discussing wildlife or wildlife habitat, please contact me or your local District Wildlife Manager.

I can be contacted at Colorado Division of Wildlife, 711 Independent Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William D. Clark". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

William D. Clark
Wildlife Biologist

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WILDLIFE STATEMENT

The following information pertaining to wildlife is provided for use by the Mined Land Reclamation Board in their consideration of a mining permit for Rifle Quarry, Colorado Lien Corporation,
P.O. Box 1961, Ft. Collins, CO 80522

The Colorado Division of Wildlife does hereby find, to the best of our knowledge, that the impact of the proposed mining operation on wildlife will be

XXX minor
 moderate
 major

Mine Location: Lot 7, Lot 8, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 15, T4S, R92W, 6th P.M.
Directly west of the Rifle Fish Hatchery.

Wildlife Species List: (may be attached)

Mule Deer	Marmot	Golden Eagle
Elk	Coyote	
Mountain Lion	Turkey	
Bobcat	Red-tailed Hawk	

Endangered Species Impacted: Wolverine. This species was observed crossing State Highway 325 approximately three miles south of the mine site.

Assessment of Impact on Wildlife: (may be attached)

SEE ATTACHED COPY

Reclamation Recommendations: (may be attached)

1. Design and implement a report card system for reporting deer killed by haul trucks on State Highways. This report card system, to be successful, must have full support of Colorado Lien Corp. Exact details of information needed on the cards, where the cards should be sent, and the time period for reporting can be worked out at a later date.
2. Haul hours limited to 7:00 am to 5:00 pm between Dec. 1 and May 1.
3. Dust control measures implemented between the quarry and S.H. 325.
4. Sedimentation control between the quarry and Rifle Creek.

Prepared by Don Crane Title District Wildlife Manager

Date June 18, 1979

cc: Don Crane; Stead; Whitaker; File

ATTACHMENT

Assessment of Impact on Wildlife:

Spring meadow counts of deer on East Rifle Creek peaked at 230 deer with an additional 325 deer on S.H. 325 between Rifle Gap Reservoir and S.H. 789. The greatest impact of this project will be on deer crossing S.H. 325 between the mine and the Junction of 325 and 789. There will be additional impacts to deer on S. H. 789 between the Junction of 789 and 325 and the Craig, Colorado market for the product.

A potential human health and safety factor is the existence of two large rock outcroppings on a steep slope directly above hatchery personnel residences. The Division of Wildlife and Colorado Lien Corporation have discussed this situation, but no conclusions have been reached regarding whether or not these outcroppings due, in fact, represent a potential safety hazard.

Division of Wildlife hatchery personnel expect no direct impact from this operation on hatchery operations. If any impacts occur, the Division of Mined Land will be notified immediately,