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Mr. Clint Beck
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Dear Mr. Beck,


BLM staff received the final version of Pete Lien & Sons, Inc.'s Rifle Quarry Final Reclamation Plan on June 10, 2016. A Categorical Exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act was prepared and the Decision Record was signed on July 1, 2016. The mandatory 30-day appeal period has concluded and Pete Lien & Sons, Inc. may now begin implementation on the Rifle Quarry Final Reclamation Plan. This authorization is subject to the following mitigations:

- A. Cultural Resources. If subsurface cultural values are uncovered during operations, all work in the vicinity of the resource will cease and the authorized officer with the BLM notified immediately. The operator shall take any additional measures requested by the BLM to protect discoveries until they can be adequately evaluated by the permitted archaeologist. Within 48 hours of the discovery, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and consulting parties will be notified of the discovery and consultation will begin to determine an appropriate mitigation measure. BLM in cooperation with the operator will ensure that the discovery is protected from further disturbance until mitigation is completed. Operations may resume at the discovery site upon receipt of written instructions and authorization by the authorized officer.
- B. Native American Human Remains. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g), the holder must notify the authorized officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony on federal land. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4 (c) and (d), the holder must stop activities in the vicinity of the discovery that could adversely affect the discovery. The holder shall make a reasonable effort to protect the human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony for a period of thirty days after written notice is provided to the authorized officer, or until the authorized officer has issued a written notice to proceed, whichever occurs first.

Copies of the categorical exclusion and signed decision are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Jessica Lopez Pearce, Geologist, at (970) 876-9018 or jlopezpearce@blm.gov.

Sincerely,



Gloria Tibbetts
Assistant Field Manager

Enclosures: Categorical Exclusion DOI-BLM-CO-040-2016-0058-CX and Decision Record

CC: Amy Yeldell, DRMS