



**COLORADO**  
Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

March 20, 2017

Tammie Crawford  
Park County  
P.O. Box 147  
Fairplay, CO 80440

RE: Wright Pit; DRMS File No. M-1986-140; Adequacy Review No. 2 (CN01)

Dear Ms. Crawford,

The Division has identified several other comments and questions that must be addressed prior to the Division's decision due date. **Please be advised that if you are unable to satisfactorily address any concerns identified in this review before the decision date, it will be your responsibility to request an extension of the review period. If there are outstanding issues that have not been adequately addressed prior to the end of the review period, and no extension has been requested, the Division will deny this application.**

**6.4.3 Exhibit C – Pre-mining and Mining Plan Maps of Affected Lands**

1. The revised permit boundary for the Wright Pit is depicted on the Mining Plan Map. However, the revised permit boundary is not labeled on the map legend. Please revise the map legend to include the revised permit boundary. In addition, remove the outline and label for the 'Original Permit Boundary' to avoid confusion.

**6.4.5 Exhibit E – Reclamation Plan**

2. The Reclamation Plan does not address the reclamation of the access road. Please clarify if the access road will remain upon completion of reclamation.
3. The Operator has provided two seed mixes: Park County and Commercial. Please specify which will be used during final reclamation.
4. Crested wheatgrass and perennial ryegrass have been included in both of the proposed seed mixes and they are both introduced grass species. The Division places an emphasis on using native species during reclamation. The Division requests Park County replace crested wheatgrass and perennial ryegrass with native species. Please respond.
5. The Operator has stated the application rate of the applied seed mix will be between 20 – 30 lbs/acre. Pursuant to Rule 6.4.5(2)(d), please specify the seed application rate. The Division recommends using the Park County Seed Mix at an application rate of 20 lbs/acre.



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#### **6.4.6 Exhibit F – Reclamation Plan Map**

6. The revised permit boundary for the Wright Pit is depicted on the Reclamation Plan Map. However, the revised permit boundary is not labeled on the map legend. Please revise the map legend to include the revised permit boundary. In addition, remove the outline and label for the 'Original Permit Boundary' to avoid confusion.
7. If the access road will not remain following reclamation, then the Reclamation Plan Map needs to be revised to show that it will be reclaimed. See additional comments under Item No. 2.
8. The contour lines on the Reclamation Plan Map show the existing contours of the affected land. As required by Rule 6.4.6(a), the Reclamation Plan Map must show the proposed topography of the area with contour lines of sufficient detail to portray the direction and rate of slope of all reclaimed lands. Please revise the contour lines on the Reclamation Plan Map to show the topography of the reclaimed lands. In addition, remove the outlines of any existing stockpiles from the Reclamation Plan Map.


#### **6.4.8 Exhibit H – Wildlife Information**

9. The Division received comments (copy enclosed) from Colorado Parks and Wildlife addressing potential impacts to wildlife at the Wright Pit. CPW recommends limiting the total area of disturbance to no more than 21 acres. Please respond to CPW's comments and make the necessary changes to the Mining Plan.

As previously mentioned, if you are unable to provide satisfactory responses to any inadequacies prior to March 31, 2017, it will be your responsibility to request an extension of time to allow for continued review of this application. If there are still unresolved issues when the decision date arrives and no extension has been requested, the application will be denied.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8116.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike C.", is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Michael A. Cunningham  
Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS