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### Water Handling at Fairplay Au Pit (M-1991-037)

Mr. Cunningham

The Fairplay Au Pit sits on an end of ditch which supplies water to several properties along the Platte River. At the beginning of the ditch system, near Ridge Road, is the diversion gate from the Platte River. Water then flows through the system for approximately two miles before entering the property on which the Fairplay Au Pit exists. The water then enters the first of three shallow ponds located on said property. Flowing through these ponds, the water then passes off of the property onwards to the land east of Fairplay Au, which is owned by the City of Fairplay and others. There it enters a fourth pond, which then discharges to the Platte River, completing the ditch system. Water for mining operations is pulled from the ponds located near the Fairplay Au Pit, but the majority of the water flows through these ponds downstream. The ponds have been in place since before the original 110 permit. They are very shallow, and often disappear into the background in aerial photography if they do not have water.

In order to maintain water flows to downstream users and to free-water to the Platte River, the ponds must be maintained and put to use. The long term plan is to modifying the pond system at Fairplay Au, but that cannot be done until the 112 conversion application is approved. Until that time, High Speed Mining must maintain the current water system in order to ensure that water is delivered downstream. Therefore, pursuant to the Mined Land Reclamation Board Order MV-2017-001, High Speed Mining is requesting Division permission to maintain said ponds located outside of the approved 110 permit area. This request is according to the following component of the Order:

*"High Speed Mining, LLC shall CEASE AND DESIST any further mining activities on the affected land, except those activities approved by the Division in writing, necessary to comply with the conditions of this Order, prevent damage to the off-site areas, or protect health and safety until such time that the Operator complies with the corrective action described herein."*

Regards,

CC: High Speed Mining, LLC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben Langenfeld', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ben Langenfeld, P.E.  
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