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## Response to 110(2) Hard Rock Reclamation Permit Application Consideration

DATE: May 11, 2017  
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Section 1, Twp 12 South, Rng 71 West, 6th P.M., Teller County

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### 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 water will be used for any purpose at this site, the applicant will need to document that the water was obtained from a legal source, or the water was diverted in priority under a water right decreed for such mining/industrial use.
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**COMMENTS:** The subject application is for a surface mining operation on 9.9 permitted acres located approximately 4 miles northeast of Lake George, Colorado. The primary commodity to be mined at the site is gemstones. The site is proposed to be reclaimed to its current use of forestry upon completion of mining.

No water will be used, and ground water is not expected to be encountered during the mining operation.

If stormwater runoff is intercepted by this operation and is not diverted or captured in priority, it must be released to the stream system within 72 hours; otherwise the operator will need to make replacements for evaporation.

The applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

