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Response to Reclamation Permit Partial Acreage Release Request Consideration

DATE: June 8, 2017
TO: Amy Eschberger, Environmental Protection Specialist (amy.eschberger@state.co.us)
CC: Division 1 Office, District 4 Water Commissioner
FROM: Sarah Brucker, P.E. 
RE: Kauffman No. 1 Pit, File No. M-1978-327 - AR02
Applicant/Operator: Jake Kauffman & Son, Inc., 970-667-1557
Sections 20 & 21, Twp 5 North, Rng 68 West, 6th P.M., Larimer County

COMMENTS: The applicant has requested a partial acreage release for 9.10 acres of the Kauffman No. 1 Pit. The Kauffman No. 1 Pit is a sand and gravel mining operation located near Loveland, Colorado. Approximately 75.1 acres will remain within the permit boundary.

All mining at the site has ceased, and reclamation of the site is complete or nearly complete. There are three unlined ponds on the site, all of which were exposed to the atmosphere through sand and gravel mining operations prior to January 1, 1981. The portion of the site requested to be released is currently dryland grass pasture.

Ongoing lagged depletions associated with past mining operations at the site are replaced under a substitute water supply plan, currently valid through December 31, 2017. Additional substitute water supply plans are required until all lagged depletions are replaced (currently projected to extend through February 2020).

Based on the above, this office has no objection to the requested partial acreage release. The applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

