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**Re: Camp Bird Mine, DRMS Permit M1982090 – Sneffels Creek Remediation Project,
111c Permit Required**

Mr. McComb,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) would like to thank you for the onsite visit at Camp Bird Mine on August 31, 2017 to get an overview of the remediation project that includes historical Camp Bird Mine tailings and those under the above referenced DRMS permit. The onsite visit gave DRMS staff a better understanding of the project and will help in facilitating work that needs to be done within the state permit boundaries. This also helps in coordination of efforts under EPA contract work outside the active permit and within.

During the visit it was brought DRMS attention that EPA and the contractor plan on utilizing an area of private land to harvest free sitting boulders for rip-rap and blasting to generate more material. After careful consideration DRMS feels that the blasting and harvesting is removing a construction material from its native state and a state reclamation permit is required. Based on the fact that this is a specific use under a government contract DRMS is requesting a 111c permit be put into place to cover reclamation of the activities in this specific area. The 111c has a short review time of 15 days with no public notice requirements in a newspaper like other permits. This permit type is consistent with what was required at the Summitville Superfund Remediation Site for similar material generation.

Under normal circumstances DRMS would require the permit approval prior to activities. In the spirit of cooperation given the short construction season and active scheduling, plus the remoteness of the site, DRMS will not require any work stoppage while the permit is being obtained. However, the permit application will need to be submitted by October 6, 2017.



If you have any questions please contact me at (303) 866-3567 ext 8185 or by email at russ.means@state.co.us. Please fill free to visit our web site at: <http://mining.state.co.us/Pages/Home.aspx> for access to the full Act and Rules governing extraction of metals, non-metals, and construction materials in the State of Colorado.

Sincerely,



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