



April 8, 2013

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Re: Notice of 110 (2) Hard Rock/Metal Mining Reclamation Permit Application Consideration Shale Tech International Services LLC, Duck Creek Mine, M-2013-011, (HC #63852)

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for your correspondence dated April 2, 2013 (received by our office on April 8, 2013) regarding the subject project.

A search of the Colorado Cultural Resource Inventory database indicated two sites within the project area with the following determinations of eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places:

5RB.1816	Field not eligible	1980
5RB.1817	Field not eligible	1980

In addition eight surveys covered a portion of the project area. The report numbers are:

RB.LM.NR.1381	2003
RB.LM.NR.1752	2005
RB.LM.R538	2003
RB.LM.R868	1980
RB.LM.908	1978
RB.LM.R912	1982
RB.LM.SU	1980
RB.PA.NN	1982

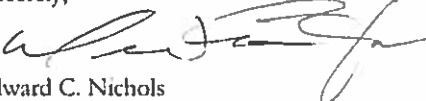
"Field not eligible" means that the person preparing the inventory form believed the site not to be eligible but our office has not officially made a determination. For field not eligible sites, we recommend that they are avoided by the project.

Our files contain incomplete information for this area, as most of Colorado has not yet been inventoried for cultural resources. As a result, there is the possibility that as yet unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed permit area.

Should human remains be discovered during mining activities, the requirements under State law CRS 24-80 part 13 apply and must be followed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Dan Corson, Intergovernmental Services Director, at (303) 866-2673 or dan.corson@state.co.us.

Sincerely,


Edward C. Nichols
State Historic Preservation Officer