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James Spung, P.E.  
Bear Ranch LLC  
26767 County Road 12  
Somerset, CO 81434

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Dustin Czapla  
Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety  
Grand Junction Field Office  
101 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Room 301  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

**Dear Dustin,**

This letter is in reference to the inspection report on mine #M-2013-002, the Bear Ranch Gravel Mine, performed on July 27, 2017. There were two problems/possible violations found during this inspection. Below are the problems/possible violation and the actions taken by Bear Ranch LLC to rectify them:

1. Problem: There are state-listed noxious weeds present on site.

Corrective action: A weed control plan has been implemented for the site. Below is our proposed weed control plan:

After observing the spread of noxious weeds around properties under Bear Ranch management and incurring the cost of contract weed spraying, Bear Ranch has hired a dedicated employee for the sole purpose of weed control. This employee has been given an all-terrain vehicle with a tank sprayer mounted to it to spray noxious weeds on the Bear Ranch properties. He has also been given Gunnison County's Noxious Weed Guide to learn the different varieties of noxious weeds in the area. A variety of broad leaf weed killers will be used, including 2,4-D and Milestone, to spray noxious weeds with.

Jon Mugglestone, the Gunnison County Weed District Coordinator, visited this site along with others under Bear Ranch's management to observe reclamation and weed control. He approved Bear Ranch's proposed weed control program.

Dye was used when spraying the Bear Ranch Gravel Pit to show completion. Attached as Exhibit A-C are pictures showing completed weed spraying.

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2. Problem: The mine identification sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site.

Corrective action: Permanent signs containing the following information: the name of the operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for operation has been issued and the permit number, were purchased and posted at the entrance to the mine site. Attached as Exhibit D is a picture showing the posted sign.

Please consider this letter our Technical Revision to our permit #M-2013-002 according to Section 1.9.1 of Mineral Rules and Regulations.

Thank you,

James Spung, P.E.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Spung', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Public Works Director  
Bear Ranch LLC

Exhibit A





Exhibit B





Exhibit C





Exhibit D

