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Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

November 16, 2017

Andy Pipher  
39558 Highway 92  
Crawford, CO 81415

**Re: Pipher Ranch Site, Reference No. M-2017-052, Division Response to "Is It Mining?" Questionnaire, No Permit Required.**

Dear Mr. Pipher,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss your proposed activities with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division). The Division received your completed "Need for State Reclamation Permit" questionnaire on November 15, 2017. Further discussions by telephone on the 15th provided additional information.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board has requested that the Division make determinations as to the need for a Mined Land Reclamation Permit. Based on the questionnaire and other information the Division has determined that no permit is required. This opinion is being offered based on the information provided in your response and communications. Any significant deviation from the described activity, including removal for sale or trade of any excavated materials from its natural state could result in a review and possible reversal of this opinion.

Please consider the following: If the Division receives different information or a written complaint regarding the proposed activities it is required by law to further investigate. If the investigation shows a possible violation of the Construction Materials Act and Rules an enforcement action would be initiated which could include civil penalties, a cease and desist order, and obtaining a permit for the activities. Please be aware other local, state, or federal permits may be required and it is recommended that you contact those agencies for further clarification if you have questions.

If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office by telephone at 970.241.1117, or by e-mail at russ.means@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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