

**COLORADO** Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

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Arthur Winter 20157 C. R. 75.0 Trinidad, CO 81082

## RE: Winter Ranch Pit; DRMS File No. M-1985-165; Notice of Expiration of 1<sup>st</sup> Term of Temporary Cessation (TC01)

Dear Mr. Winter,

This letter is being sent to inform you the first term of Temporary Cessation for the Winter Ranch Pit ended on November 26, 2017. Therefore, the Winter Ranch Pit is now considered to be in 'Active' status. The Operator may resume active mining operations without any additional notice to the Division. Alternately, the Operator may commence with reclamation of the site. Pursuant to Rule 3.1.3(2), all reclamation shall be carried to completion by the Operator with all reasonable diligence, and each phase of reclamation shall be completed within five years from the date the Operator informs the Division that such phase has commenced.

If the Operator wishes to pursue a second term of Temporary Cessation, then a Notice for the second period must be sent to the Division. Pursuant to Rule 1.13.5(3), the Notice for the second period shall include the following information:

- a) Demonstration that the existing Financial Warranty is adequate to cover the reclamation liability.
- b) Explanation as to why the Operator has not recommenced operations or begun reclamation.
- c) Demonstration of continued commitment to conduct mining operations at the site by the end of the second five year period.
- d) Sumittal of \$144.00 Temporary Cessation Fee.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8116.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS

