

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

December 27, 2017

Alan Heath 2661 G ½ Road Grand Junction, Colorado 81506

Re: Heath Ranch, Reference No. M-2017-043, Division Response to "Is It Mining?" Questionnaire, Permit Required.

Dear Mr. Heath:

On November 13, 2017 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received information for an "Is It Mining" questionnaire regarding a proposed project to use and remove some existing construction materials on the Heath Ranch. You provided additional information to the Division during an office visit in early December. Please use the reference number M-2017-043 regarding any correspondence or submittals for this site in the future.

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 a permit is required.

If you have any concerns or disagree with this decision, you may petition to appear before the Board during a formal public hearing for a Declaratory Order concerning this matter. Pursuant Rule 2.5.2 (1): the request must be submitted to the Board in writing and be received no later than 10 days prior to the hearing. The written request must contain the information required pursuant Rule 2.5.2 (2). (Rule 2.5 Enclosed) The next available Board hearing will be held on January 24 or February 21, 2018. All hearings are held at 1313 Sherman St., Room 318, in Denver, Colorado 80203. Please be advised the Division will oppose a Declaratory Order request for this proposed operation based on the above stated reasons and other facts it may bring forth in testimony before the Board if necessary.

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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