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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

January 13, 2018

Jason Roys
Lost Creek Mining, LLC
PO Box 271052
Louisville, CO 80027

Re: Bighorn Spine Lode, Reference No. M2018008, Division Response to "Is It Mining?" Questionnaire, Permit Required.

Dear Mr. Roys:

On February 9, 2018 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received information for an "Is It Mining" questionnaire regarding a proposed project to search for gemstones at the above referenced site.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board has requested that the Division make determinations as to the need for a Mined Land Reclamation Permit. Pursuant to the questionnaire and other information the Division has determined that a permit is required. Based on the proposed disturbance of an acre it appears that a hard rock 110(1) permit which is for less than 5 acres will be required. The correct permit type may change if additional information is reviewed. Here is the link to the 110 (1) permit application:
[http://mining.state.co.us/SiteCollectionDocuments/Hardrock110\(1\)App.pdf](http://mining.state.co.us/SiteCollectionDocuments/Hardrock110(1)App.pdf)

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 March 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 303-866-3567, Ext 8185, or by e-mail at russ.means@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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