



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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 24, 2018

Jerrolynn and Richard Kawamoto
7584 Cedar Mountain Rd.
Divide, CO 80814

RE: Need for State Reclamation Permit; New Pursuits 1 Claim; DRMS File No. M-2016-063

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Kawamoto,

On November 15, 2016, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your correspondence dated November 2, 2016, concerning the need for a Reclamation Permit. The Division has assigned file number M-2016-063 to this project. Please use this identifying file number in any future correspondence regarding this specific project.

The information you provided indicates you are conducting mineral extraction on the New Pursuits 1 claim (CMC283157) in Teller County. The letter states hand tools will be used to create shallow excavations, which will not exceed 1,600 square feet of disturbance at any given time. In addition, the letter states no milling or processing will occur on site and all disturbance is reclaimed following mineral extraction.

The Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board has requested the Division make preliminary determinations regarding the need for a mined land reclamation permit. Based on the information provided in the above referenced correspondence and summarized herein, it is the Division's opinion that the proposed project is a mining operation. Pursuant to Colorado law, you are required to first obtain a mined land reclamation permit from the Board prior to initiating the mining operation. If you disagree with the Division's determination you may petition the Board for a declaratory order whereby you may obtain an exemption from permit requirements. Such a request must be received no later than ten days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The next available Board meeting is scheduled for May 16-17, 2018.

If you have questions please contact me at (303)866-3567 extension 8116.

Sincerely,

Michael Cunningham
Environmental Protection Specialist

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