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Response to Reclamation Permit Partial Acreage Release Request Consideration

DATE: May 4, 2018
TO: Amy Eschberger, Environmental Protection Specialist (amy.eschberger@state.co.us)
CC: Division 1 Office, District 4 Water Commissioner
FROM: Sarah Brucker, P.E. 
RE: Wagner/Kauffman No. 3 Pit, File No. M-1999-069 - AR08
Applicant/Operator: Jake Kauffman & Son, Inc., (970) 290-4152
Sections 17, 20 & 21, Twp 5 North, Rng 68 West, 6th P.M., Larimer County

COMMENTS: The applicant has requested a partial acreage release for 98.30 acres of the Wagner/Kauffman No. 3 Pit. This land area was the subject of a previous partial acreage release request (AR07), which was withdrawn in order to allow the use of topsoil stockpiled on the site. Approximately 72.5 acres will remain within the permit boundary.

Mining activities at the Wagner/Kauffman No. 3 Pit are complete but reclamation is ongoing. A compacted clay liner was constructed around the portion of the site known as the East Reservoir. The liner was approved by this office as having met the design standard in a letter dated January 17, 2017, and the lined portion of the site is classified as a lined reservoir.

Lagged depletions associated with past and projected use at the site are replaced under a substitute water supply plan, currently valid through December 31, 2018. Additional substitute water supply plans are required until there are no ongoing depletions and all lagged depletions are replaced (currently projected to extend through October 2019).

Based on the above, this office has no concerns regarding the requested partial acreage release. The applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

