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August 2, 2018

John Gilleland
C & J Gravel Products Inc.
27661 U. S. Highway 160E
Durango, CO 81301

RE: Montoya Pit, Permit No. M-1980-146, Amendment Application (AM-05), Comments Received

Dear Mr. Gilleland:

The Division received the enclosed timely agency comment from Colorado Parks and Wildlife dated June 11, 2018 to the above referenced application from.

Please address all jurisdictional aspects of the comments submitted by CPW as outlined in C.R.S. 34-32.5-102 (1), as well as Rules 3.1.8 and 6.4.8. Please submit your response no later than **Tuesday, August 14, 2018**.

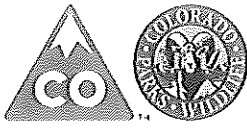
If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at (970)-243-6368 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Lucas West
Environmental Protection Specialist
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Enclosure: CPW Comments received





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June 11, 2018

Lucas J. West
Environmental Protection Specialist
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RE: Notice of 112 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Amendment Application
Consideration
C&J Gravel Products, Inc., Montoya Pit, Permit No. M-1980-146-AM05

Dear Mr. West,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for the Notice of 112 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Amendment Application Consideration for C&J Gravel Products, Inc., Montoya Pit, Permit No. M-1980-146-AM05.

The mission of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is to perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state, to provide a quality state parks system, and to provide enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations to serve as active stewards of Colorado's natural resources.

In our initial comment letter to the BLM regarding the Montoya Gravel pit expansion, CPW identified concerns over the cumulative effects of ongoing fragmentation of severe winter range and winter concentration area habitat types in the Grandview Mesa Area (see attachment 1). CPW also has concerns with the post-mining land use of the site. Therefore, given the habitat importance of this area, CPW would like to see full vegetative reclamation to pre-mining conditions (including species composition) and use. CPW also has concerns with the proposed changes to the post-mining land use at the existing pit including a 'bike skills park' and potentially a parking lot. CPW would prefer the post-reclamation land use include no additional human impacts to the area.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on the Notice of 112 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Amendment Application Consideration for C&J Gravel Products, Inc., Montoya Pit, Permit No. M-1980-146-AM05. If you have any further questions please contact Brandon Dye at (970) 799-0846.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Dye', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Brandon Dye
Acting Area Wildlife Manager
Area 15-Durango

CC: SWR, Magee, Weinmeister, Area File