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Natural Soda LLC.  
Attention: Kirk Daehling  
3200 County Rd. 31  
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**DIVISION OF RECLAMATION  
MINING AND SAFETY**

Dear Mr. Daehling:

We have reviewed Natural Soda's (NS) July 2, 2018 request to construct 13H-1R. The proposed project is located in Township 1 South, Range 98 West, Section 26, Lot 14, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. It is located on the 12H-1R pad. This project is considered to be a minor modification to the approved Natural Soda Mine Plan and is approved with the following conditions of approval (COA). Please take special notice of COA Number 7 timing limitations on construction activities.

1. All activities shall comply with NS's approved reclamation and Mine Plan.
2. NS is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing archaeological sites or for collecting artifacts.
3. If any archaeological materials are discovered as a result of operations under this authorization, activity in the vicinity of the discovery will cease, and the BLM WRFO Archaeologist will be notified immediately. Work may not resume at that location until approved by the AO. The NS will make every effort to protect the site from further impacts including looting, erosion, or other human or natural damage until BLM determines a treatment approach, and the treatment is completed. Unless previously determined in treatment plans or agreements, BLM will evaluate the cultural resources and, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), select the appropriate mitigation option within 48 hours of the discovery. The NS, under guidance of the BLM, will implement the mitigation in a timely manner. The process will be fully documented in reports, site forms, maps, drawings, and photographs. The BLM will forward documentation to the SHPO for review and concurrence.
4. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g), the applicant must notify the AO, by telephone and written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), the

operator must stop activities in the vicinity of the discovery and protect it for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the AO.

5. NS is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project operations that they will be subject to prosecution for disturbing or collecting vertebrate or other scientifically-important fossils, collecting large amounts of petrified wood (over 25lbs./day, up to 250lbs./year), or collecting fossils for commercial purposes on public lands.
6. NS is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with project operations that they will be subject to prosecution for disturbing or collecting vertebrate or other scientifically-important fossils, collecting large amounts of petrified wood (over 25lbs./day, up to 250lbs./year), or collecting fossils for commercial purposes on public lands. If any paleontological resources are discovered as a result of operations under this authorization, the applicant must immediately contact the appropriate BLM representative.
7. Development activities will be prohibited from December 1 through April 30 to avoid disruption of big game during the critical winter period. Construction and development activities will be permitted from May 1 through December 31.

If there are any questions, please contact Paul Daggett Mining Engineer at (970) 878-3819.

Sincerely,



Kent Walter  
for Field Manager

Enc Well Permit for 13H-1R

cc:

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