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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION MINING AND SAFETY

Re: Consideration of 110(1) hard Rock Reclamation Permit Application for the El rancho Bondo, File No. M-2018-028 (HC Project #74601)

Dear Mr. Cazier:

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 13, 2018 (received by our office on July 17, 2018) regarding the above subject project. A search of the Colorado cultural resource inventory database indicated two previously recorded sites within the proposed project area:

Site No.:	National Register Eligibility:	Name/ <i>Type</i> :	Recording or Assessment:
5FN779.7	Field Not Eligible	D&RGW RR DRY WASH BRIDGE	1996 (recording)
5FN1822	Officially not eligible	HISTORIC>MINING COMPLEX	2001 (assessment)

Please understand that our files contain incomplete information for this area, as most of Colorado has not been inventoried for cultural resources. As a result, there is the possibility that as yet unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed project area.

As you may also know under federal law, our office takes on a formal consulting role on projects that have the potential to affect historic properties (such as buildings and archaeological sites). If this project includes Federal involvement (funding, permits and/or land), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470) requires federal agencies to meet the requirements of as set forth in 36 CFR 800 ("Protection of Historic Properties") and the lead federal agency is legally responsible for all required findings and determinations of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility and project effects (36 CFR 800.2(a) (3)). Under State Law, should human remains be discovered during project activities, the requirements under C.R.S. 24-80 (part 13) apply and must be followed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Todd McMahon, Staff Archaeologist at (303) 866-4607/ todd.mcmahon@state.co.us

Sincerely.

Steve Turner, AIA State Historic Preservation Officer ST/TCM

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