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Janet Binns Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety 1313 Sherman St., Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Re: Bowie Resources, LLC, Bowie No. 1 Mine TR-64, East Roatcap Creek Culvert Removal – Reclamation Plan Adequacy Response #1 Permit C-1981-038

Dear Ms. Binns:

DRMS' letter dated November 1, 2018 transmitted its adequacy review for the referenced technical revision. On behalf of Bowie Resources LLC, following are its responses to the DRMS' comment and concerns.

- 1. **DRMS:** Per the Department of the Army letter in your submittal, 1000 cubic yards of riprap will be placed in the reconstructed East Roatcap Creek channel. This indicates the channel will be an armored structure rather than a simulation of the pre-mining conditions (as indicated in Sheet 9 of 10 on the Reclamation map in the PAP, with plantings and some rocks). Please provide a design of the riprap channel (with modeling results and design drawings) <u>or</u> provide the following:
 - a. A discussion of why a design is not needed, citing the applicable DRMS rule, and
 - b. A quantitative analysis or qualitative discussion to show that the reconstructed channel will likely remain stable during large runoff events.

BRL: After further consideration of the rip rap channel, BRL will revert back to what is currently approved in the permit document; which is after culvert removal, restoring the channel to its approximate original location, and intermittently placing boulder to simulate pre-mining conditions. This reclaimed configuration will be similar to how the 4 ponds were reclaimed in 2017 at the East Mine.

2. **DRMS:** It is unclear why map 8A-19, which indicates post-mining conditions, includes structures that will be removed, per the proposed revisions. These structures include W-1 & W-2 on the plan view as well as Pond W-1 and the culvert on Section A-A'. Please revise the map or explain why these structures are left on the map.

BRL: Please see revised Map 8A-19.

3. **<u>DRMS</u>**: Please provide a longitudinal profile of the reconstructed East Roatcap Creek.

BRL: Please see the channel profile on Map 8A-19.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tamme Bishop

Tamme Bishop, P.E. Project Engineer

Attachments: Map 8A-19

Cc: Basil Bear

