



**COLORADO**  
Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

April 25, 2019

Robert M. Berry  
3871 Black Feather Trail  
Castle Rock, CO 80104

**RE: Robert Michael #1, Reference No. M-2019-019, Division Response to “Is It Mining?”  
Questionnaire, Permit Required**

Dear Mr. Berry,

On April 22, 2019, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received information for an “Is It Mining” questionnaire regarding a proposed project to excavate gemstones from the Robert Michael #1 claim in the Pike and San Isabel National Forests. Please use the reference number M-2019-019 regarding any correspondence or submittals for this site in the future.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board has requested the Division make determinations as to the need for a Mined Land Reclamation Permit. Based on the information provided in the questionnaire, the Division has determined **a permit is required for the proposed activity**.

If you disagree with this decision, you may petition to appear before the Board during a formal public hearing for a Declaratory Order concerning this matter. Pursuant to Rule 2.5.2(1), the request must be submitted to the Board in writing and be received no later than 10 days prior to the hearing. The written request must contain the information required pursuant to Rule 2.5.2(2) (copy enclosed). The next available Board hearing will be held on May 22, 2019. All hearings are held at 1313 Sherman St., Room 318, in Denver, Colorado 80203. Please be advised the Division will oppose a Declaratory Order request for this proposed operation on the above stated reasons and other facts it may bring forth in testimony before the Board if necessary.

If you have questions please contact me at (303) 866-3567 extension 8116, otherwise we look forward to working with you through the permitting process.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham  
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

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