

June 18, 2019

David Harvey P.O. Box 430 Harstel, CO 80449

RE: Need for State Mine Reclamation Permit, Blue Bee Diggins, File No. M-2019-038

Dear Mr. Harvey,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has specific Rules and Regulations for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations, adopted by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board in January 2015. These rules are in accordance with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (Title 34 Article 32). It has come to the attention of the Division that your Plan of Operations to conduct mining activities at the Blue Bee Diggins lode claim (CMC 252689) has been approved by the BLM. An approved mine reclamation permit is required prior to conducting any mineral mining activities on your claim. The Division has assigned permit ID number M-2019-038 to your operation. Although M-2016-079 was previously assigned to you, that permit application was denied by the Division on January 19, 2018. <u>Please reference M-2019-038 on any correspondence you submit to the Division.</u>

As defined in the Act (34-32-103(8)), "mining operation" means the development or extraction of a mineral from its natural occurrences on affected land. These activities would need an approved mine reclamation permit with the Division.

As defined in the Act (34-32-110), any person desiring to conduct limited mining operations may apply for the expedited processing of a mine reclamation permit under two categories: 110(1) – for operations on less than five acres; or 110(2) – for operations on less than ten acres. Both categories limit material extractions to less than 70,000 tons of mineral or overburden or combination of the two per calendar year.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8132**, or by email at <u>elliott.russell@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Michael Cunningham, Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety Stephanie Carter, Bureau of Land Management

