

June 21, 2019

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RE: Adobe Longhorn Mine, File No. P-2019-008 , Hard Rock NOI Application Adequacy Review

Mr. Long:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing your NOI application in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern shall be adequately addressed before the application can be considered for approval.

1. Anticipating that a mining operation will be established following the prospecting operations, the NOI reclamation plan states that the two portals will be secured with metal grated doors instead of backfilling. The Division is tasked with ensuring reclamation plans for prospecting and mining operations return affected land to beneficial uses that will protect health, safety and general welfare of the people of Colorado. Because this site is located on public USFS lands, public will have access to the site after, and potentially during, prospecting operations. Therefore, in order to reclaim the site in a manner that will protect public health and safety, the Division has determined that the portals shall be backfilled and graded to a stable configuration upon final reclamation. Please submit a statement of commitment to backfill the two portals and grade to a stable configuration if a mining operation does not develop following the prospecting activities.
2. Please provide a USFS approved seedmix for revegetating the regraded areas of the backfilled portals.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Friday, July 05, 2019.

The Division will continue to review your application and will contact you if additional information is needed.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Polaris'.



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