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Division of Water Resources

Department of Natural Resources

Response to Reclamation Permit Partial Acreage Release Request Consideration

DATE: August 22, 2019
TO: Peter S. Hays, Environmental Protection Specialist
FROM: Sarah Brucker, P.E. *SB*
RE: Greeley West Pit, Permit No. M-1977-081 - AR04
Applicant/Operator: Cottonwood Land and Farms, LLC
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Section 36, Twp 6 North, Rng 66 West, 6th P.M., Weld County

COMMENTS: The applicant has requested a partial acreage release for 38.16 acres located in the southeast portion of the Greeley West Pit, known as Tract D. This land area was previously released from the Greeley 25th Ave Pit, M-2002-020, under Revision No. AR-02. A total of 38.159 acres located north of the Cache la Poudre River, known as Tract A, will remain within the revised permit boundary of M-1977-081.

The 38.16 acres requested to be removed from M-1977-081 includes portions of the SE Ponds (aka Flatiron Pit 5). In a letter dated August 11, 2011, this office acknowledged that approximately 30 acres of groundwater surface exposed in the Southeast (SE) Pond is considered pre-81 area and does not require augmentation. Therefore, this office has no concerns regarding the request for release of the 38.16-acre area.

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety and/or the applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

