



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

September 18, 2019

John Kuijvenhoven
6124 County Road 5
Ridgeway, CO 81432

***RE: Horsefly Rock Source, File No.M-2019-010, Construction Material Limited Impact (110) Operation
Reclamation Permit Application, Comment Received***

Dear Mr. Kuijvenhoven:

On September 17, 2019 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a comment (Copy enclosed) to the above listed application from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Please address and respond to the recommendations contained within this comment. Please send your response to the Division separate from any other correspondence.

If you have any questions, concerns or require additional information please feel free to contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at (970) 243-6368 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Lucas West
Environmental Protection Specialist
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Enclosure: Comment letter, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Ec: John Kuijvenhoven
Zane Luttrell, Rocky Mountain Aggregates





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Lucas West
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St., Room 215
Denver, CO 80203
September 8, 2019

Dear Mr. West,

We have received a request for a wildlife impact statement for the Horsefly Rock Source mining operation (M2019-010). I am familiar with the area indicated within the application.

The proposed mining area lies within elk summer range and mapped production area along with elk winter range and winter concentration area. It also lies within a mule deer migration area and summer range.

Within the application it states, "Mining, crushing, and screening may take place in any part of the year but is expected to be limited to less than 7 months per year". We recommend, to protect elk on winter range that no mining, crushing or screening take place at this site from December 1 - April 31 annually.

Development and disturbance on ungulate winter range is a concern. Winter range is a significantly important limiting factor for all big game species, including elk. Winter range is a small percentage of a species overall range where forage is limited and environmental conditions and human disturbance can cause physiological stress on the animals. The importance of winter range habitat cannot be overstated.

Thank you for providing us an opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please contact me, or Renzo DelPiccolo, Area Wildlife Manager, at 970-252-6000.

Sincerely,

Kelly Crane
District Wildlife Manager - Ridgway

