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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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September 25, 2019

Mike Mordi
Routt County Road & Bridge
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**Re: Routt County Road & Bridge, Funk & Hooker Pit, File No. M-1979-058,
Technical Revision No. 2 (TR-02) Adequacy Review**

Mr. Mordi,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) reviewed the content of the technical revision (TR-02) submitted on September 4, 2019 for the Funk & Hooker Pit and submits the following comments. The Division is required to make an approval or denial decision no later than October 4, 2019 therefore; a response to the following adequacy review concerns should be submitted to the Division as soon as possible.

1. The Operator proposes mining boundary line adjustments reducing the current 47.6 acre site to 36 acres with the removal of areas along the west and north permit boundaries. The Division is unable to approve the release of permitted lands through the technical revision process. Please submit an acreage reduction request for the areas pursuant to Rule 4.17.1.
2. The Operator proposes mining boundary line adjustments reducing the current 47.6 acre site to 36 acres with the addition of an area along the east permit boundary. The Division is unable to approve the addition of acreage to the approved permit boundary through the technical revision process. Please submit a permit amendment application pursuant to Rule 1.10. The term "amendment" means a change in the permit or an application which increases the acreage of the affected land.

The Division is unable to issue a decision on the technical revision until the issues discussed above are addressed by the Operator. The Division recommends the Operator submits an extension request to extend the decision date and nullify the automatic approval provision in Rule 1.9.1 to allow the Division to review all potential revisions to the permit concurrently.



If you have any questions, please contact me at peter.hays@state.co.us or (303) 866-3567 Ext. 8124.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Hays", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter S. Hays
Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Michael Cunningham, DRMS