



**COLORADO**  
**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**  
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***RE: Skull Creek Permit No. M-2019-054, Comment Received***

Mr. Comstock:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) appreciates you taking the time to participate in the review process of the above referenced permit application. The application amendment for the Skull Creek Mine was filed with the Division on January 15, 2020 by Skull Creek Mining (Applicant). The public comment period for the application closed on March 3, 2020. Due to an error of public notice, the Applicant is in the process of re-noticing the application and that will start over the comment period and review process. The Division will inform you of these upcoming dates.

An explanation of the Division's review process, your rights as either a party or non-party, and the jurisdiction of the Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board), is provided in the enclosed 12- page memorandum, Guide to Citizen Participation, dated October 2, 2001, revised January 12, 2006. As noted in the citizen's guide memo, in these proceedings the Division's authority is limited to enforcement of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials, 34-32.5-101 et seq., C.R.S (Act) and the Minerals Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Rules), which can be accessed through the Division's website, <https://www.colorado.gov/drms>.

The Division has received your written comments to the application. Many of the issues noted in your comment letter regarded issues that are not jurisdictional to the Division. Please note that under the provisions of C.R.S. 34-32.5-101 et seq. comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board.



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

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Guide to Citizen Participation