

Stephanie Mitchell Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman St., Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Rincon Materials, File No. M-2020-018

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 17, 2020, received by our office on March 19, 2020, for the referenced project. Our comments are provided in accordance with the Colorado State Register Act (Colorado Revised Statute CRS 24-80.1).

A search of the Colorado Cultural Resource Inventory database indicates that four cultural resource inventories have been conducted in or near the proposed permit area. In addition, the following three sites have been recorded there in:

Site #	Name/Type	National/State Register Eligibility	Recording/Assessmen t Date
5EA.214	Historic	Field Not Eligible	05/03/1977
5EA.215	Historic	No assessment given on form	05/03/1977
5EA.1585	Historic District	Officially Eligible	04/18/2019

As none of the above properties have been nominated for inclusion in or accepted by the state register, additional protection is not required by this act. Nevertheless, we recommend avoidance of all officially eligible, field eligible, and officially needs data sites, if possible. Please keep in mind that our files contain incomplete information for this area, as most of Colorado has not yet been inventoried for cultural resources. As a result, there is the possibility that as yet unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed permit area. Should human remains be discovered during mining activities, the requirements under State law CRS 24-80 part 13 apply and must be followed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Holly McKee-Huth, Cultural Resource Information/Section 106 Compliance at (303) 866-4670/<u>holly.mckee@state.co.us.</u> Sincerely,

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Steve Turner, AIA State Historic Preservation Officer