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Patrick Lennberg
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RE: Consideration of 112c Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Application M2020006 SPN Pit

Dear Mr. Lennberg,

This application was reviewed and the proposed mine site was evaluated by District Wildlife Manager Travis Sauder. The proposed mining site is located in short grass prairie habitat near the Huerfano river corridor.

There are no known Threatened and Endangered species in the area, however US Fish and Wildlife Service should be consulted on any Federally-listed Endangered and Threatened Species that might be present at the location.

The property is already fenced. If the fencing is repaired/replaced, CPW recommends fencing should be a maximum top height of 42" with at least 12" spacing between the top two wires or rails and a bottom wire or rail at least 16" above the ground to allow passage of young animals and pronghorn antelope. It is also recommended that the top and bottom wires be a twisted barbless type or smooth wire or rail construction. While there are no "critical periods" for wildlife associated with this site, many animals including deer, elk, pronghorn, and bear use the Huerfano River as a travel corridor and migrate through the area to reach summer and winter ranges. Following the above fencing guidelines will allow animals to continue to move through the area safely and easily, both during and after mining.

Due to the presence of black bears in the vicinity and in the adjacent Huerfano River bottomland, CPW recommends that the operators of the facility invest in bear-proof trash containers if trash is going to be present on the facility.

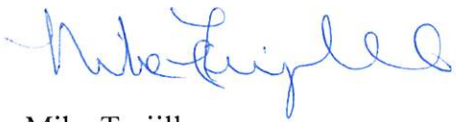
Colorado Parks and Wildlife agrees with the proposed plan that the site should be reclaimed with native grass/forbs/shrub species at the end of the operation of the pit. While the plan calls for noxious weed management, it does not provide a timeline. Ongoing monitoring for noxious



weeds and treatment of those noxious weeds should continue after the pit is closed for 5 years or until the native grasses have completely reestablished themselves.

If you require further assistance or comments on this application, please contact Travis Sauder at (719)989-1027.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Trujillo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Trujillo" clearly distinguishable.

Mike Trujillo
Area Wildlife Manager,