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RE: Rincon Materials Permit #M2020018

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) staff thanks Rincon Materials for taking the time to meet in person for further discussion wildlife concerns. CPW commends Rincon Materials for being a conservation-minded and willing to partner with our agency. After touring the site and further reviewing planning and operational materials, CPW's primary concerns revolved around protecting the local bighorn sheep herd and nearby peregrine falcons from detrimental disturbance. Rincon Materials' cooperation will lessen the impacts of their operations on these species. Rincon Materials submitted a response letter to CPW's May 12, 2020 comments on June 11, 2020. Rincon Materials has agreed to the following best management practices:

1. No mining, crushing, or screening of materials from April 15 to June 30 each year.
2. Rincon Materials will maintain pathways from the upland areas down to the river for big game to use. If necessary, during non-operational times, portions of the conveyor belt may be moved to accommodate these pathways.
3. All Rincon Materials personnel will be trained to maintain at least 750' from any sighted game animals (bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk, etc.) that enter the area.

Rincon Materials has also acknowledged that if raptors (specifically peregrine falcons) nest in the nearby cliffs, future seasonal operation limitations may become required.

CPW staff remains available to consult with DRMS and Rincon Materials throughout the life of the operation. If there are any questions or needs for additional information, don't hesitate to contact NW Land Use Specialist, Danielle Neumann, at (970) 366-1223 or District Wildlife Manager, Brian Wodrich, at (970) 948-9166.

Sincerely,

Malli Taniashita, Area Wildlife Manager

Cc: Brian Wodrich, District Wildlife Manager
Danielle Neumann, Land Use Specialist



