

Brock F. Bowles Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Nelson Pit, File No. M-2020-040 (HC# 78442)

Dear Mr. Bowles:

We received your correspondence dated August 19, 2020 on August 24, 2020 initiating consultation with our office 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 no cultural resource inventories have been conducted in or near the proposed permit area, and no properties of historical significance have been recorded therein. 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/106 Compliance at (303) 866-4670/ holly.mckee@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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Steve Turner, AIA State Historic Preservation Officer