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Mr. Patrick Lennberg PO Box 533 Pueblo, CO 81002-0533

August 21, 2020

RE: Native/Pierre Mine, Permit No. M1977-321, Summit Brick and Tile Co.

To Mr. Patrick Lennberg,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has received a request to comment on potential wildlife impacts at Summit Brick and Tile Co., an active mining property located near the City of Pueblo, CO. We appreciate the request and have the following comments.

The proposed expansion is contiguous with an ongoing mining operation. The surrounding area, due to the proximity of the Fountain Creek Watershed, has a variety of both big game and small game species, and numerous migratory bird species, including raptors. Due to the continued development and the consistent activity at the mine, it may be unlikely that a difference in big and small game wildlife responses will be observed. However, CPW is strongly committed to raptor disturbance and will recommend strong adherence to CPW's raptor guidelines and buffer zones.

CPW additionally recommends adherence to the current NRCS reclamation guidelines. Both white-tailed and mule deer, and numerous small game species utilize the habitats adjacent to this mine. Seeding disturbed areas with preferred vegetation species that are beneficial to these species would be ideal.

CPW does not foresee any complications with federally or state threatened or endangered species.



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Thank you for consulting with CPW for wildlife concerns that may result with the proposed conversion from a 9.9 acre 110c permit, to a 35.23 acre 112c mining activity. Please call our Pueblo Area 11 CPW office if you have further concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Trujillo

