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September 16, 2020

TO: Stephanie Mitchell
DRMS

FROM: Patrick Sullivan
Road Supervisor
Rio Grande County

RE: M-1978-071 Del Norte Pit

Dear Stephanie,

On September 9th, 2020, an unseasonal snow storm blanketed the San Luis Valley dropping 14-24 inches of wet snow. While the moisture was desperately needed, the still leafy trees did not. The west end of the county suffered great damage from the wet snow. Primarily trees within several subdivisions lost numerous branches and whole trees in some cases. The county has stepped in to help property owners to remove the debris that has been generated and placed into the road ROW. Initially we have been hauling to the local landfill, however, because of the amount of debris that is projected, the landfill has limited the amount the county will be able to haul in.

Therefore, I am forced to pile the tree debris in the Del Norte Pit temporarily until we can burn or chip into mulch. I anticipate approximately one acre for the storage area and the location out and away from the open pit. County forces are loading and hauling and will not pick up anything other than tree products. I will update you as soon as I have a firm grip on timing for burning or chipping.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns with our plan.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patrick" and last name "Sullivan" clearly visible.

Patrick Sullivan
Road Supervisor