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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

December 1, 2020

Mr. Brian Golding
Silo Ranch LLC
22357 W. HWY 160
Del Norte, CO 81132

**Re: Silo Ranch, Reference No. M-2020-059, Division Response to “Is It Mining?”
Questionnaire, No Permit Required.**

Dear Mr. Golding,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss your project with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). The Division received your completed “Need for a Reclamation Permit” questionnaire on November 3, 2020. Based on the information you submitted the purpose of the excavation project was to level an area for a hay storage building on private land owned by Silo ranch LLC. Division staff was informed by Mrs. Golding that the original excavation took place in 2010 and that during the summer of 2020 stockpiled material was processed to make it more useful for use by Silo Ranch LLC on their property. It was disclosed that some of the excess material was hauled off site and used by Healdworks Inc. to fill low spots to allow for trailer parking located at 15451 W. HWY 160, Del Norte, CO 81132. Leftover stockpiled material was observed during a site inspection conducted by Division staff. The operator stated that no more material would be hauled off site and would be used only by Silo Ranch LLC for maintenance of their roads.

Based on the information contained in the correspondence it is the Division’s opinion that no reclamation permit will be required from this agency at this time. However, other local, state, or federal permits may be required and it is recommended that you contact those agencies for further clarifications if you have questions. Please be advised that this opinion is being offered based on the information provided in your response. **Any significant deviation from the described activity, including removal for sale or trade of any excavated materials from its natural state could result in a review and possible reversal of this opinion. If Silo Ranch LLC intends to remove any additional material off site to be used by other entities a reclamation permit will be required.**

Please consider the following: if the Division receives different information or a written complaint regarding the proposed activities it is required by law to further investigate. If the investigation shows a possible violation of the Construction Materials Act and Rules an enforcement action would be initiated which could include civil penalties, a cease and desist order and obtaining a permit for the activities.



The Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) has requested that the Division make determinations as to the need for a Mined Land Reclamation Permit. If you have any concerns or disagree with this decision, you may petition the Board during a formal public hearing for a formal Declaratory Order concerning this matter. The request must be made in writing and received no later than 10 days prior to the next regular scheduled MLRB hearing. The next available MLRB hearing is December 16-17, 2020.

If you need additional information, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, telephone no. 303.866.3567, ext. 8186, or by email at travis.marshall@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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