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RE: Peak Ranch Resource Project

Dear Mr. Langenfeld,

This letter is in response to the mining plan revisions proposed by Peak Ranch Resources, received by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) on December 1st, 2020. These proposed revisions were made in response to CPW's comments on the mining application submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) regarding impacts to wildlife, as well as discussions that took place during the site visit with DRMS, Peak Materials, Summit County and CPW on October 19, 2020.

CPW appreciates Peak Materials' consideration and incorporation of the wildlife recommendations made in our letter to DRMS and discussed at the site visit. CPW is amenable to the proposed amendments to the application, including performing raptor surveys prior to initiating any mining activity; proposed truck traffic limitations within the daily time period of 9 am to 4 pm from May 1st - Nov 30th; and within the daily time period of 10 am to 3 pm from Dec. 1st - April 30th (included in initial application); allowing permanent access for members of the Blue River Enhancement Working Group (BREW) to the Blue River for studies and sampling; increasing the riparian setback from 200-ft to 300-ft from the Blue River; maintaining variable shoreline slopes (minimum 3H:1V slope), for the groundwater reclamation lake out to a depth of 10 feet, to promote wildlife use of the lake and minimize weed growth; and incorporation of wildlife-friendly fencing.

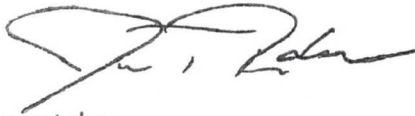
In addition to the aforementioned revisions, CPW requests that Peak Materials consult with CPW again on the seed mix prior to reclamation of the property, as the surrounding vegetation and landscape may change during the time period before the Peak site is reclaimed. CPW understands that all water quality data collected by Peak Materials, including



sampling from the Blue River both upstream and downstream of the mining activity and the groundwater lake, will be reported annually to DRMS and readily accessible to CPW and other stakeholder groups. CPW also requests that Peak Materials be amenable to future consultation and operational revisions to address unforeseen issues impacting wildlife over the life of the proposed project.

CPW appreciates the opportunity to provide Peak Materials and DRMS with guidance and recommendations regarding impacts to wildlife from this proposal. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact District Wildlife Manager Jake Kay at 970-485-3081 or Jacob.kay@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JT Romatzke', with a stylized, cursive script.

JT Romatzke
Northwest Regional Manager
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