



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

Re: Richardson Pit, File No. M-20212-014 (HC# 79426)

Dear Mr. Bowles:

Thank you for your correspondence on March 05, 2021 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 one cultural resource inventory has been conducted in or near the proposed permit area. In addition, two sites have been recorded in or near the proposed project area. Sites 5CH.28, recorded in January of 1931, and 5CH.71, recorded in January of 1931, and site 5CH.71, recorded in January of 1971, were not assessed for their edibility to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places at the time of their recordings.

As the above listed properties have not been nominated for inclusion in or accepted by the state register, additional protection is not required by this act. Nevertheless, we recommend avoidance of all officially eligible, field eligible, and officially needs data sites, if possible. 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/Section 106 Compliance at (303) 866-4670/holly.mckee@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Steve Turner, AIA
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