

April 13, 2021

RE: Blue Creek Staging Area, File No M-2021-016 Special 111 Operation

Ms. Deanna Greco,
Superintendent
Curecanti National Recreation Area

Ms. Greco,

Thank you for speaking with me yesterday, this letter is a summary of what we spoke about regarding the National Park Service's concerns with our 111 State Mining Application.

- ***Archeological Resources***

- The disturbance limits will not exceed 1,464 LF from the southern property line running due North towards the National Park. This will leave approximately a 1,000 LF of undisturbed ground between our site and the shared property line with the National Park. We have walked the area and found the only man-made changes to the proposed site to be the barbed wire fence on the southern and western boundary lines.

- ***Hydrological Processes***

- Cornerstone Materials has been issued a General Permit to discharge stormwater with CDPHE. **Our Permit Number is COR412262.** The water that we will be using on the project will be for dust control. We typically spray water on the roads and gravel crusher to keep the dust to a minimum (which is regulated through our Air Quality Permit). The water evaporates for the most part. If there is a storm water event or if our water truck has a failure, the water will travel to a settling pond where we will test the water to meet standards required in the **COR412262 Permit** before it is discharged into the natural drainage system on the property. Fuel and oils are stored in double wall containment systems for spill protection as well.

- ***Vegetation***

- We would appreciate a recommend seed mix from the NPS for our site. The NPS has likely spent a lot of time seeing what works for the area and we would incorporate that experience into our reclamation plan. We will maintain a strict weed control program and mitigate weed issues promptly.

- ***Wildlife***

- We have reached out to the local CPW office for a recommendation of best practices for working with the wildlife native to the site. We are planning on working during the summer months and possibly into the early fall with our crushing operation. We will likely not be working during the spring or winter when some wildlife can have negative impacts resulting from the construction activities. We look forward to the comments and hopefully we can implement them. I can provide a copy when we receive it.

- ***Visitor Use and Experience***

- We have worked on many US Forest Service Projects and other jobs that are sensitive to the public perception of what we are doing. We will do our best to orient stockpiles for visual appeal and noise control. Once we build a stockpile, the noise and dust impacts are often shielded from the public. We do understand that this is a beautiful area of Colorado and we will be responsible neighbors to restore that beauty at the completion of the project. We have asked for 19 acres in the plan, if we only

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Zane Luttrell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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