HUNT FARMS WCR 40 SOIL/DIRT MINE DRMS 112 PERMIT SUBMITTAL M-XXXX-021-

PREPARED FOR:

HUNT FARMS 14460 CO RD 40 Platteville, CO 80651 (970) 737-2437

PREPARED BY:

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DATE SUBMITTED TO DRMS: MAY 3, 2020

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

CHECK ONE: _____ There is a File Number Already Assigned to this Operation

Department of Natural Resources

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS REGULAR (112) OPERATION RECLAMATION PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

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		Conversion Application (R	ule 1.11))				
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3.								permitted acres
	3.1	Change in acreage (+) Total acreage in Permit area						acres acres
4.	Fees 4.1 4.2 4.4 4.5	New Application New Quarry Application Amendment Fee Conversion to 112 operation (set by st	atute)				\$3,342.00 \$2,229.00	
5.	<u>Prin</u>	nary commoditie(s) to be mined:						
	5.1	Incidental commoditie(s) to be mined:	1	-	lbs/Tons/yr	2	/	lbs/Tons/yr
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	5.2	Anticipated end use of primary commo	oditie(s) t	to be mined	l:			
	5.3	Anticipated end use of incidental com	noditie(s	s) to be min	ed:			

6.	Name of owner of subsurface rights of affected land: If 2 or more owners, "refer to Exhibit O".
7.	Name of owner of surface of affected land:
8.	Type of mining operation: Surface Underground
9.	Location Information : The <u>center</u> of the area where the majority of mining will occur:
	COUNTY:
	PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (check one): 6th (Colorado) 10th (New Mexico) Ute
	SECTION (write number): S
	TOWNSHIP (write number and check direction): T North South
	RANGE (write number and check direction): R East West
	QUARTER SECTION (check one): NENWSESW
	QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION (check one): NE NW SE SW
	GENERAL DESCRIPTION: (the number of miles and direction from the nearest town and the approximate elevation):
10.	Primary Mine Entrance Location (report in either Latitude/Longitude OR UTM): Latitude/Longitude: Example: (N) 39° 44′ 12.98″
	(W) 104° 59' $3.87''$
	Latitude (N): deg min sec (2 decimal places)
	Longitude (W): deg min sec (2 decimal places)
	OR
	Example: (N) 39.73691° (W) -104.98449°
	Latitude (N) (5 decimal places)
	Longitude(W)(5 decimal places)
	OR
	<u>Universal Tranverse Mercator (UTM)</u>
	Example: 201336.3 E NAD27 Zone 13 4398351.2 N
	UTM Datum (specify NAD27, NAD83 or WGS 84) Zone
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11. **Correspondence Information**:

APPLICANT/OPERATOR	(name, address, and phone of name to be used on permit)	
Contact's Name:		Title:
Company Name:		
Street/P.O. Box:		_ P.O. Box:
City:		
State:		_ Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	(
Fax Number:	(
PERMITTING CONTACT	(if different from applicant/operator above)	
Contact's Name:		Title:
Company Name:		
Street/P.O. Box:		P.O. Box:
City:		
State:		Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	(
Fax Number:	(
INSPECTION CONTACT		
Contact's Name:		Title:
Company Name:		
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Residential(RS)	Recreation(RC)	Industrial/Commercial(IC)
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Cropland(CR)	Pastureland(PL)	General Agriculture(GA)
Rangeland(RL)	Forestry(FR)	Wildlife Habitat(WL)
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Maps and Exhibits:

Two (2) complete, unbound application packages must be submitted. One complete application package consists of a signed application form and the set of maps and exhibits referenced below as Exhibits A-S, Addendum 1, and the Geotechnical Stability Exhibit. Each exhibit within the application must be presented as a separate section. Begin each exhibit on a new page. Pages should be numbered consecutively for ease of reference. If separate documents are used as appendices, please reference these by name in the exhibit.

With each of the two (2) signed application forms, you must submit a corresponding set of the maps and exhibits as described in the following references to Rule 6.4, 6.5, and 1.6.2(1)(b):

Legal Description
Index Map
Pre-Mining and Mining Plan Map(s) of Affected Lands
Mining Plan
Reclamation Plan
Reclamation Plan Map
Water Information
Wildlife Information
Soils Information
Vegetation Information
Climate Information
Reclamation Costs
Other Permits and Licenses
Source of Legal Right-To-Enter
Owners of Record of Affected Land (Surface Area) and Owners of Substance to be Mined
Municipalities Within Two Miles
Proof of Mailing of Notices to County Commissioners and Conservation District
Proof of Filing with County Clerk or Recorder
Permanent Man-Made Structures
ADDENDUM 1 - Notice Requirements (sample enclosed)
Geotechnical Stability Exhibit (any required sections)

The instructions for preparing Exhibits A-S, Addendum 1, and Geotechnical Stability Exhibit are specified under Rule 6.4 and 6.5 and Rule 1.6.2(1)(b) of the Rules and Regulations. If you have any questions on preparing the Exhibits or content of the information required, or would like to schedule a pre-application meeting you may contact the Office at 303-866-3567.

Responsibilities as a Permittee:

Upon application approval and permit issuance, this application becomes a legally binding document. Therefore, there are a number of important requirements which you, as a permittee, should fully understand. These requirements are listed below. Please read and initial each requirement, in the space provided, to acknowledge that you understand your obligations. If you do not understand these obligations then please contact this Office for a full explanation.

1. Your obligation to reclaim the site is not limited to the amount of the financial warranty. You assume legal liability for all reasonable expenses which the Board or the Office may incur to reclaim the affected lands associated with your mining operation in the event your permit is revoked and financial warranty is forfeited;

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2. The Board may suspend or revoke this permit, or assess a civil penalty, upon a finding that the permittee violated the terms or conditions of this permit, the Act, the Mineral Rules and Regulations, or that information contained in the application or your permit misrepresent important material facts;

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3. If your mining and reclamation operations affect areas beyond the boundaries of an approved permit boundary, substantial civil penalties, to you as permittee can result;

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4. Any modification to the approved mining and reclamation plan from those described in your approved application requires you to submit a permit modification and obtain approval from the Board or Office;

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5. It is your responsibility to notify the Office of any changes in your address or phone number;

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6. Upon permit issuance and prior to beginning on-site mining activity, you must post a sign at the entrance of the mine site, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with the following information (Rule 3.1.12):

- a. the name of the operator;
- b. a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and,
- c. the permit number.

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7. The boundaries of the permit boundary area must be marked by monuments or other markers that are clearly visible and adequate to delineate such boundaries prior to site disturbance.

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8. It is a provision of this permit that the operations will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions listed in your application, as well as with the provisions of the Act and the Construction Material Rules and Regulations in effect at the time the permit is issued.

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9. Annually, on the anniversary date of permit issuance, you must submit an annual fee as specified by Statute, and an annual report which includes a map describing the acreage affected and the acreage reclaimed to date (if there are changes from the previous year), any monitoring required by the Reclamation Plan to be submitted annually on the anniversary date of the permit approval. Annual fees are for the previous year a permit is held. For example, a permit with the anniversary date of July 1, 1995, the annual fee is for the period of July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995. Failure to submit your annual fee and report by the permit anniversary date may result in a civil penalty, revocation of your permit, and forfeiture of your financial warranty. It is your responsibility, as the permittee, to continue to pay your annual fee to the Office until the Board releases you from your total reclamation responsibility.

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10. <u>For joint venture/partnership operators</u>: the signing representative is authorized to sign this document and a power of attorney (provided by the partner(s)) authorizing the signature of the representative is attached to this application.

Certification:

As an authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the operation described has met the minimum requirements of the following terms and conditions:

- 1. To the best of my knowledge, all significant, valuable and permanent man-made structure(s) in existence at the time this application is filed, and located within 200 feet of the proposed affected area have been identified in this application (Section 34-32.5-115(4)(e), C.R.S.).
- 2. No mining operation will be located on lands where such operations are prohibited by law (Section 34-32.5-115(4)(f), C.R.S.;
- 3. As the applicant/operator, I do not have any extraction/exploration operations in the State of Colorado currently in violation of the provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Section 34-32.5-120, C.R.S.) as determined through a Board finding.
- 4. I understand that statements in the application are being made under penalty of perjury and that false statements made herein are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to Section 18-8-503, C.R.S.

This form has been approved by the Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to section 34-32.5-112, C.R.S., of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. Any alteration or modification of this form shall result in voiding any permit issued on the altered or modified form and subject the operator to cease and desist orders and civil penalties for operating without a permit pursuant to section 34-32.5-123, C.R.S.

Signed and dated this day of	, 2021
Dank Hunt Furns Applicant/Operator or Company Name	If Corporation Attest (Seal)
Signed: Danith Hunt	Signed:
	Corporate Secretary or Equivalent
Title: Dwher.	Town/City/County Clerk
State of	day of May,
ANDREW RODRIGUEZ NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20114053878 My Commission Expires September 12, 2023	Notary Public My Commission expires: 9 12 2023

SIGNATURES MUST BE IN BLUE INK

You must post sufficient Notices at the location of the proposed mine site to clearly identify the site as the location of a

EXHIBIT A - LEGAL DESCRIPTION

This information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.1 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION-PARCEL 1 (Per Title Commitment No. 21613UTG Amendment No. 1)

Lots A and B of Recorded Exemption No. 1057-33-1 RECX14-0042, recorded October 23, 2014 at Reception No. 4056435, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 66 West of the 6th P.M., County of Weld, State of Colorado. 75.19 ACRES (GROSS).

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION-PARCEL 2 (Per Title Commitment No. 21616UTG Amendment No. 1)

Lot B of Amended Recorded Exemption No. 1057-33-1-RE-993, recorded July 1, 1996 at Reception No. 2499201, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 66 West of the 6th P.M., County of Weld, State of Colorado. 74.32 ACRES (GROSS).

TOTAL PERMIT BOUNDARY AREA

149.51 ACRES (+/-)

EXHIBIT B - INDEX MAP

Please refer to the attached index map.





EXHIBIT C - PRE-MINING AND MINING PLAN MAPS OF AFFECTED LANDS

Please refer to the attached Existing Conditions Map and Mining Plan Map.		

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION MINING AND SAFETY PERMIT M2021-XXX

HUNT FARMS

WCR 40 SOIL MINE WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

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CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE PLANS FOR THE DRMS PERMIT FOR THE WCR 40 GRAVEL MINE WERE PREPARED UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION FOR THE OWNERS THEREOF.



HUNT FARMS DOES HEREBY ACCEPT AND APPROVE THESE PLANS FOR THE DRMS PERMIT.

BY: DATE: 05/03/2021

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
HUNT FARMS

PREPARED FOR:

HUNT FARMS

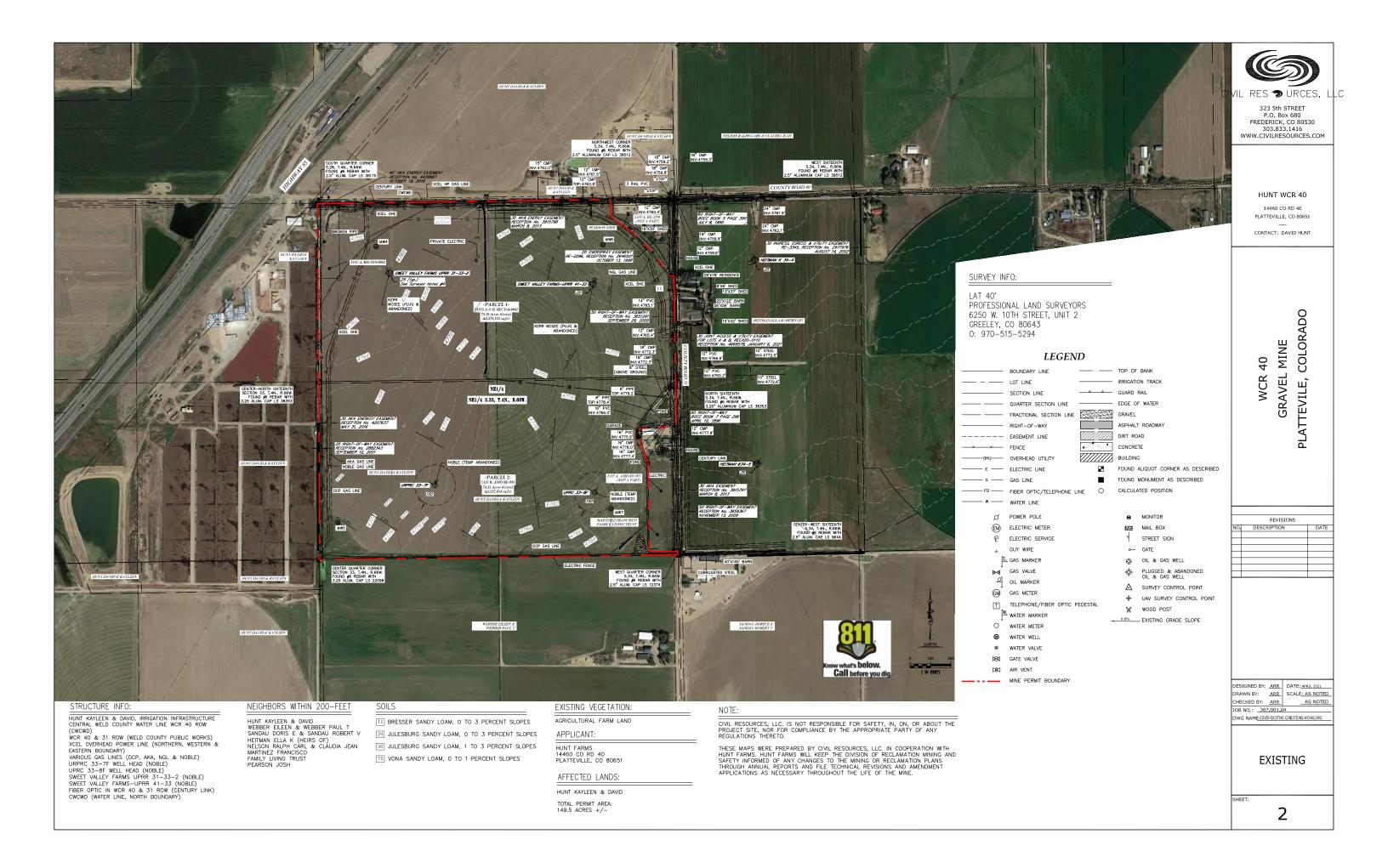
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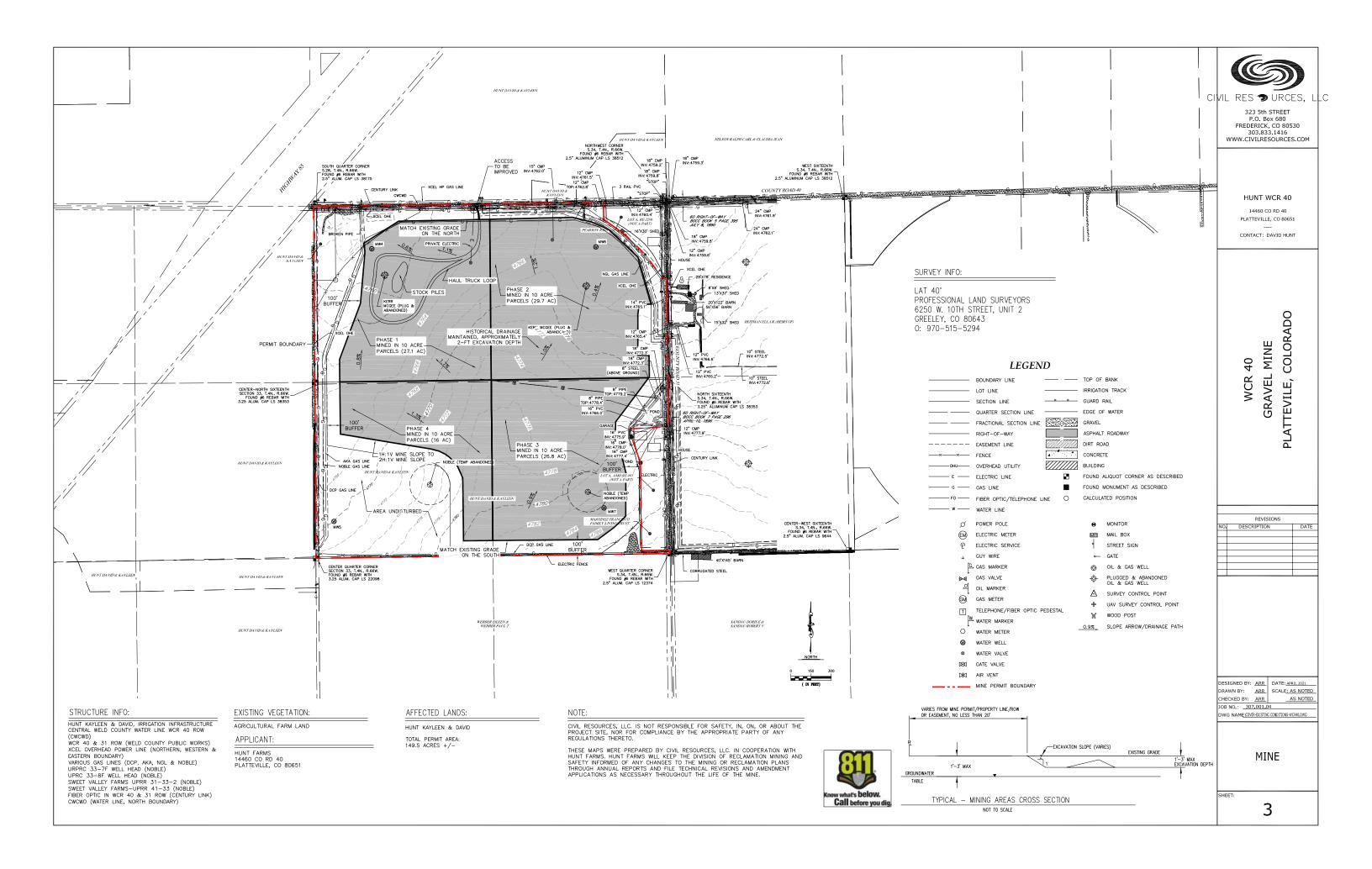
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# EXHIBIT D - MINING PLAN

This information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.4 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations:

(a) Description of the method(s) of mining to be employed in each stage of the operation as related to any surface disturbance on affected lands;

The proposed amendment area includes a significant deposit of harvestable overburden used for reclamation soil in oil and gas operations located on the east side of Highway 85 in Weld County. The site is located east of Highway 85, south of Weld County Road 40 and west of Weld County Road 31. The permit boundary will include 149.51 acres +/-.

# **Existing Conditions and Site Preparation:**

# **Existing Conditions**

The proposed mining area is actively being farmed as irrigated pasture grass, including alfalfa and other various crops for cattle as the site is used to supply a feed lot operation directly to the west.

# Site Preparation

Very little site preparation is required, stripping the topsoil and stockpiling on the perimeter of the site.

# Mining:

**Phase 1** – to be stripped 2-feet, stockpiled and sold.

**Phase 2** – to be stripped 2-feet, stockpiled and sold.

**Phase 3** – to be stripped 2-feet, stockpiled and sold.

**Phase 4** – to be stripped 2-feet, stockpiled and sold.

The operator will develop and comply with a Stormwater Management Plan and Spill, Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Plan. The operator will notify the Division of Mine Safety and Reclamation in the event of a reportable spill.

# Processing:

All material mined under this proposed application will be transported by excavator, loader or haul truck to the stock pile area.

# **Import Material:**

Hunt Farms may import material from and export material to other sites. The applicant is aware that in accordance with Rule 3.1.5(9) of the Construction Material Rules and Regulations, if any offsite material is used as backfill, a notarized letter will be submitted to the Division indicating the materials are inert. The applicant will supply

such a letter to the Division if, at the time of Reclamation, the applicant intends to use off-site material as backfill.

# (b) Earthmoving;

Topsoil and overburden will be stripped with bulldozers, loaders or excavators and stockpiled in the active mine phase.

The mined area will be reclaimed to 2-feet below existing grade and tie into existing grade on the perimeter of the mine. The reclamation detail will include maintaining a 100-foot buffer around the perimeter and reclaiming the excavation. The mine was excavated down at a 2 to 1 horizontal to vertical slope on the east, west and south side, along with feathering grades back into existing on the north by Weld Cunty Road 40. This excavation will be amended and planted with crops or dryland native grasses. Historic drainage patterns will be maintained.

(c) All water diversions and impoundments; and

There will no dewatering or water impoundments onsite.

(d) The size of area(s) to be worked at any one time.

Typically up to 10 acres will be disturbed during mining.

(e) An approximate timetable to describe the mining operation. The timetable is for the purpose of establishing the relationship between mining and reclamation during the different phases of a mining operation.

The Operator anticipates that mining will commence as soon as all permits are in place. The Operator anticipates extracting approximately 100,000 tons of reclamation soil per year, however, production rates may vary based on market demands.

# <u>Timetable for Mining and Reclamation</u>

There is approximately 500,000 tons of soil material which will provide 5 years of reserves. Phase 1 will be mined first, then Phase 2, 3, etc..

Reclamation will begin immediately after mining is complete. When possible, concurrent reclamation practices will be used to minimize site disturbance and to limit material handling to the greatest extent possible. Please refer to the Mining Plan Map in Exhibit C for phase areas to be mined, locations and areas.

- (f) Use Mining Plan Map in conjunction with narrative to present:
  - (i.) Nature, depth and thickness of the deposit and thickness and type of overburden to be removed

Exploratory borings were performed by Hunt Farms. The bedrock depths in the proposed mine areas ranged from approximately 20 feet to 30 feet below the ground surface. Groundwater ranges from 4 feet to 18 feet in the four wells that were drilled onsite. The groundwater in the southwest corner of the site is 4 feet deep and this area will be undisturbed. The remainder of the area has an average depth to groundwater of 13.3 feet.

# (ii.) Nature of the stratum immediately beneath the material to be mined in sedimentary deposits

The site is located approximately 15 miles east of the foothills of the Colorado Front Range on the western flank of the Denver Structural Basin. The basin is a downwarp of sedimentary strata that tends north-northwest, parallel to the mountain front. In the project area, the sedimentary bed dips gently eastward toward the axis of the basin east of the site. Based on regional geologic mapping (Colton, 1978), the near surface bedrock in the project area is the Paleocene and Upper Cretaceous Denver and Arapahoe Formations. The bedrock is overlain by upper Pleistocene and Holocene (Quarternary age) gravel deposits and eolian (wind blown) overburden soils. The gravel deposits exist primarily within the Broadway Alluvium deposit. The bedrock unit consists mainly of claystone and may contain lenses of siltstone and sandstone.

Identify the primary and secondary commodities to be mined/extracted and (g) describe the intended use.

The primary commodities are reclamation fill; intended for construction materials.

(h) Name and describe the intended use of all expected incidental products to be mined/extracted by the proposed operation.

There are no expected incidental products to be mined.

(i) Specify if explosives will be used in conjunction with the mining (or reclamation)

No explosive material will be used on-site.

# EXHIBIT E - RECLAMATION PLAN

This information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.5 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations: The proposed mining and reclamation plan focuses on minimizing the ecological impacts of mining, minimizing the length of time of impact, and maximizing long-term benefits.

**Phase 1** – mined in year one and reclaimed concurrently.

Phase 2 – mined in year two and reclaimed concurrently.

<u>Phase 3</u> – mined in year three and four reclaimed concurrently.

**Phase 4** – mined in year five and reclaimed concurrently.

(a) A description of the type(s) of reclamation the Operator proposes to achieve in the reclamation of the affected land, why each was chosen, the amount of acreage accorded to each, and a general discussion of methods of reclamation as related to the mechanics of earthmoving;

The mined area will be reclaimed to 2-feet below existing grade and tie into existing grade on the perimeter of the mine. The mine will include a 100-foot buffer around the perimeter of the excavation. The mine was excavated down at a 2 to 1 horizontal to vertical slope on the east, west and south side, along with feathering grades back into existing on the north by Weld County Road 40. This excavation will be amended and planted with crops or dryland native grasses. Historic drainage patterns will be maintained. Refer to Exhibit F for the acreages and additional details.

# **Earthmoving**

The soil amendment will be placed by a loader and generally graded with a blade. All grading will be done in a manner that controls erosion and siltation of the affected lands, to protect areas outside of the affected land from slides and other damage. In addition, all backfilling and grading will be completed as soon as feasible after the mining process. All disturbed areas will be regraded and smoothed to a finished grade that is suitable for revegetation of the final land use. See attached mining plan for historic and proposed grades.

As noted previously, the area will be reclaimed as mining commences. Finish grading, topsoil/soil amendment placement and seeding will occur once the resource is completely removed per phase. A typical cross-section of the excavation is included on the Reclamation Plan Map.

- (b) A comparison of the proposed post-mining land use to other land uses in the vicinity and to adopted state and local land use plans and programs.
   Once the site is reclaimed it can returned to being farmed.
- (c) A description of how the Reclamation Plan will be implemented to meet each applicable requirement of Section 3.1.

The Operator will carry reclamation to completion with reasonable diligence. Reclamation will be completed within one to two years from completion of mining, but not more than five years from the date the Operator informs the Board or Office that such phase has commenced.

**Section 3.1.5 Reclamation Measures Material Handling**: Grading will be performed to help control erosion and siltation of the affected lands through phased mining, implementing good operation techniques to handle material as little as possible, and vegetation of stockpiles remaining in place for more than one growing season. Although the use of erosion protection devices is not anticipated, if deemed necessary by the operator at the time of excavation, silt fence and haybale dams will be installed to prevent erosion. Backfilling and grading will be completed as soon as feasible after the mining process is complete.

Maximum slopes and slope combinations will be compatible with the configuration of surrounding conditions and selected land use. Mining will occur at a slope that is stable. The site will be reclaimed to grades 2-feet below pre-mining elevations.

The operator will backfill using fill material generated on-site, or imported inert fill generated outside the permit area. If any inert off-site material is used as backfill, a notarized letter will be submitted to the Division as required by Section 3.1.5(9) of the MLRB Construction Material Rules and Regulations.

It is not anticipated that mining will uncover any refuse or acid-forming or toxic producing materials, however if any such materials are encountered the operator will take precaution to handle the materials in a manner that will control unsightliness and protect the drainage system.

Drill or auger holes that are part of the mining operation shall be plugged with non-combustible material, which shall prevent harmful or polluting drainage. Any test pits, soil boring holes, or monitoring wells not located within the mine excavation limits will be plugged as soon as it can be confirmed that they are no longer needed for the operation.

Mined material to be disposed of within the affected area will be handled in such a manner so as to prevent any unauthorized release of pollutants to the surface drainage system. No unauthorized release of pollutants to groundwater shall occur from any materials mined, handled or disposed of within the permit area.

**Section 3.1.6 Water-General Requirements:** The Operator will comply with applicable Colorado water laws governing injury to existing water rights and with applicable state and federal water quality and dredge and fill laws and regulations.

The operator will develop and comply with a stormwater management plan and will use best management practices (BMPs) to ensure groundwater and surface water are protected to the greatest possible extent. BMPs include schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution in runoff from the site.

**Section 3.1.7 Groundwater - Specific Requirements:** The Operator will comply with the applicable standards and conditions for classified and unclassified groundwater. Groundwater will not be exposed or dewatered.

**Section 3.1.8 Wildlife:** The mining and reclamation plans have been designed to account for the safety and protection of wildlife on the mine site. The Operator will use concurrent reclamation methods to minimize the impact on wildlife. The proposed reclamation plan may improve wildlife habitat. The proposed plantings will create improved cover, foraging, roosting, and nesting areas for wildlife. Control and/or removal of noxious and weedy species during the project and the replacement of desirable graminoid, forb, shrub and tree species during reclamation will result in enhancement of wildlife habitat on the project site.

**Section 3.1.9 Topsoiling:** Topsoil might be removed and segregated from other spoil. The topsoil might be blended sold or used for reclamation. Topsoil stockpiles shall be stored in places and configurations to minimize erosion and located in areas where disturbance by ongoing mining operations will be minimized. Once stockpiled, topsoil shall be rehandled as little as possible. Stockpiles that will remain in place for more than one growing season will receive vegetative cover, as outlined on the Reclamation Plan Map, as soon as possible to minimize erosion.

**Section 3.1.10 Revegetation**: In those areas where revegetation is part of the reclamation plan, the land shall be revegetated in a manner that establishes a diverse, effective, and long-lasting vegetative cover. The proposed seed-mix or plantings for reclamation are outlined on the Reclamation Plan included in Exhibit F of this application. The quarter section of land has a sprinkler and irrigation water and this infrastructure will remain and be utilized for irrigation purposes.

**Section 3.1.11 Buildings and Structures**: Please refer to the enclosed Reclamation Plan included in Exhibit F.

**Section 3.1.12 Signs and Markers**: The Operator will post appropriate signage at the entrance to the mine site. The permit area will be marked by existing fencing, or proximity to existing County roads.

# (d) Plans for topsoil segregation, preservation and replacement; for stabilization, compaction and grading of spoil; and for revegetation.

Topsoil will be removed and segregated from other spoils. Topsoil not needed for reclamation may be sold or removed from the site. For reclamation, topsoil will be replaced by a scraper and generally graded with a blade. Grading shall be done in a manner that controls erosion and siltation of the affected land and protects areas outside the affected land from damage. In addition, backfilling and grading shall be completed as soon as feasible after the mining process.

Final grading will create a final topography that is appropriate for ultimate land use. For example, grades on the site will maintain historic drainage. Topsoil will be uniformly placed and spread on areas disturbed by the mining. The minimum thickness shall be 3 to

6 inches above the surrounding finished grade, consistent with existing topsoil depths onsite. The topsoil shall be keyed to the underlying and surrounding material by the use of harrows, rollers or other equipment suitable for the purpose. The owner is as active farmer in the area and has the ability to maintain and ensure the reclaimed land will be suitable for the proposed use.

The Operator plans to plant crops for use in their feed lot operation. In the event crops are not use, areas where perennial seed revegetation is part of the reclamation plan, the Operator will revegetate the land in such a manner so as to establish a diverse, effective, and long-lasting vegetative cover that is capable of self-regeneration without continued dependence on irrigation or fertilizer and is at least equal in extent of cover to the natural vegetation of the surrounding area. Seed will be drilled and mulched. The Operator owns a sufficient amount of irrigation water to establish an effective ground cover. In the event a dryland crop is utilized the Operator will more than likely continue to irrigate the ground allowing for more production for use in feedlot operations. The Operator currently uses this method on their other Weld County farms.

The revegetation seeding and plant list on the Reclamation Plan Map contains the preferred species of grasses, shrubs and trees to be planted.

Seeding will take place once final grading and replacement of topsoil have been completed. Timing of seeding will be consistent with standard horticultural practice for dryland applications - generally between late September and the middle of April to ensure there is adequate moisture for germination.

- (e) A plan or schedule indicating how and when reclamation will be implemented. Include:
  - i. An estimate of the periods of time which will be required for the various stages or phases of reclamation.

Please refer to the Timetable for Mining and Reclamation in Section (e) of Exhibit D.

ii. A description of the size and location of each area to be reclaimed during each phase.

Please refer to the Reclamation Plan Map (Exhibit F).

iii. Outlining the sequence in which each stage or phase of reclamation will be carried out.

Please refer to the Timetable for Mining and Reclamation in Section (e) of Exhibit D.

- (f) A description of:
  - *i.* Final grading maximum anticipated slope gradient or expected ranges thereof; The slopes will range from 0.5% to 2% and match historic grade.
  - ii. Seeding types, mixtures, quantities and time of application;

Please refer to the Reclamation Plan Map for the list of plant materials and seeds to be utilized. The operator will seed during the appropriate season to ensure adequate moisture for germination and implement weed controls to allow the grasses/crops to successfully establish.

# iii. Fertilization –types, mixtures, quantities, and time of application;

The type and application rate of fertilizer shall be determined based on a soil test at the time of final reclamation.

# iv. Revegetation - types of trees, shrubs, etc.; and

Please refer to the letter discussing the proposed reclamation in more depth.

# v. Topsoiling – specify anticipated minimum depth or range of depths for those areas where topsoil will be replaced.

Topsoil will be uniformly placed and spread on all areas disturbed by the mining. The minimum thickness shall be 3 inches above the surrounding finished grade including soil amendments and manure application.

# WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Hunt Farms has a full-time weed manager on staff as they currently irrigate hundreds of acres for their associated operations. Hunt Farms has all of the necessary equipment in house to perform weed management.

# MEMORANDUM

TO: DRMS M2021-030 WCR 40 Soil Mine

FROM: Civil Resources, LLC

**DATE:** May 17, 2021

**RE:** Reclamation attachment and qualifications

This memorandum summarizes the proposed reclamation for the WCR 40 Dirt mine and Hunt Farms ability to reclaim the site to irrigated crop land. This memorandum is intended to supplement Exhibit E (Reclamation Plan).

# **Existing Use**

The farm is currently irrigated crop land producing alfalfa, corn silage and pasture grass. Approximately 350 acre-feet of water is applied on the field per year. Hunt Farms has grown from operating two circles to successfully owning and operating thirteen irrigation systems on over 1,200 acres of Weld County farmland over the last thirty years. Hunt Family Farms also pastures and feeds 7,000 head of beef cattle through its operations, utilizing the crops, aftermath, and irrigated pastures from the irrigated farms to supply feed for its cattle operations. Mr. Hunt holds a degree in agronomy and has applied techniques to increase crop yield across Hunt Farms. Using creative solutions to utilize irrigation water and varying crops, Hunt Farms is a forward thinking irrigator along the historic US Highway 85 corridor in Weld County.

# **Proposed Use**

Hunt Farms plans to excavate/harvest the upper soils and sell those as a reclamation product for use in oil and gas reclamation across Weld County. This will provide nutrient rich soils for reclaimed oil and gas sites and will improve these sites to allow for crop development.

Hunt Farms will segregate a minimum of 3-inches of topsoil and mix that with manure from a near-by (adjacent) feed lot to be applied to the fields in-turn promoting plant growth on these deep sandy loam soils. Hunt Farms owns and operates the adjacent feed lot and this material is a byproduct of raising cattle. These uses are appropriate for the development of irrigated crops and a reclaimed use of the manure. For example, sod farms continuously remove the top organic layer and continue to replant the sod. The sod could be considered a cover crop that creates organic matter each season. This will be very similar to the reclaimed use of the WCR 40 Soil Mine except that Hunt's is a one-time operation. The proposed mining area also has native water rights in conjunction with an existing sprinkler system. The sprinkler will not be removed during mining and once the soil is ready for planting it will be irrigated which will further ensure the success of a cover crop. Mr. Hunt proposes to plant alfalfa, legumes, or other cover crops to promote growth and rebuild the reclaimed area.

Discussions with Weld County have taken place and initial support for the project has been conveyed to Hunt Farms. Once the DRMS process is complete Hunt Farms will have to obtain a Use by Special Review Permit.

# **Background Information**

Mr. Hunt has also discussed the proposed reclamation with various agronomists and attached to this memo is a background data sheet discussing manure use and proposed cover crops for reclamation.

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# **Attachments**

Rebuilding Topsoil – Down to Earth Consulting LLC USDA Cover Crop Chart



- 1. Soil test the area 0-12 " run a complete analysis
- 2. Add gypsum or lime to adjust PH if needed ( 6 to 7 ) then deep till
- 3. Apply manure and or compost or other organic matter in the fall and lightly till in
- 4. Plant cover crop ( such as rye, or beans etc.)
- 5. work cover crop into soil during the spring
- 6. repeat every fall

### **Mineral Conditioners**

Gypsum. Gypsum has long been recognized for its benefits on high sodium-containing soils. Gypsum is a mineral with the chemical composition CaSO₄*2H₂O. It occurs in nature as soft crystalline rock and varies in purity. Gypsum has been shown to displace exchangeable sodium from the cation exchange sites of soils high in sodium. With irrigation or dryland, gypsum can be used to reclaim saline areas or slick spots, soften and crumble alkali hard pans, supply calcium on low exchange capacity soils, and improve infiltration for some puddled soils. Gypsum is not recommended on soils containing native gypsum or areas irrigated with water containing abundant amounts of calcium and magnesium.

The amount of gypsum to apply depends on the purity of the gypsum and the quantity of sodium present in the soil. Actual rates should be based on a salt-alkali soil test. Application rates normally vary between 1 and 10 tons/acre. Gypsum applied at less than 500 pounds per acre will likely be of little benefit as a soil conditioner, but may work as a calcium or sulfur nutrient source.

Animal manure. Animal manures can be important contributors to soil organic matter levels as well as suppliers of various nutrients. Manure is largely composed of partially decomposed plant material plus a wide variety of organisms. Many of the organic compounds in manure are similar to those found in soil organic matter. An application of 10 tons/acre of manure would result in 0.5 to 2 tons of organic matter after decomposition by soil organisms. Manure, however, contains soluble salts which can be detrimental to soil physical properties and crop growth when added in high amounts, especially to arid soils.

Table 1. Approximate C:N ratios of organic material and soil microbes (3).

Material	C:N Ratio
Crop Residues	
Alfalfa (young)	13:1
Clovers (mature)	20:1
Bluegrass	30:1
Corn Stalks	40:1
Straw (small grain)	80:1
Sewage Sludge	10-12:1
Cattle Manure	30:1
Peat Moss	58:1
Sawdust	
Hardwood	295: 1
Pine	729:1
Soil Microbes	
Bacteria	5:1
Actinomycetes	6:1
Fungi	10:1

Other organic conditioners. Other materials that can serve as soil conditioners include crop residues, compost, sewage sludges, green manure crops, and sawdust. The effectiveness of the material varies with the amount of material added and the C:N ratio. Sewage sludges may contain potentially harmful levels of heavy metals and other toxic materials and should be analyzed for these materials before using.

# **Building New TopSoil**

No Bare Soil:	Soil must always be covered with plants or plant litter
Produce Organic Matter :	Rest groundcover from grazing, or grow green manure crops with minimum tillage
Graze :	Or slash the groundcover oeriodically. Use high stock densities for short periods to place organic matter bothinand on the
	soil (root pruning and litter trampling). On pasture cropping land, this may include one or two in-crop graze periods. Green
	manure crops should be lightly incorporated, although animal impact is the prefeerred option.
Higher Biomass :	The higher the biomass and turnover of plants roots, the faster new topsoil will form
Monitor Progress:	A composty smell indicates high levels of biological activity, particuly fungi. The activites of benefical soil microbes are
	important for the formation of soil aggregates which give soil its structure, improve porosity and water- holding capacity.
Soil Testing soil health:	
Can we Measure It?:	

Cover Crop :



# **Cover Crop Chart**

# **GROWTH CYCLE**

A = Annual

B = Biennial

P = Perennial

# **PLANT ARCHITECTURE**

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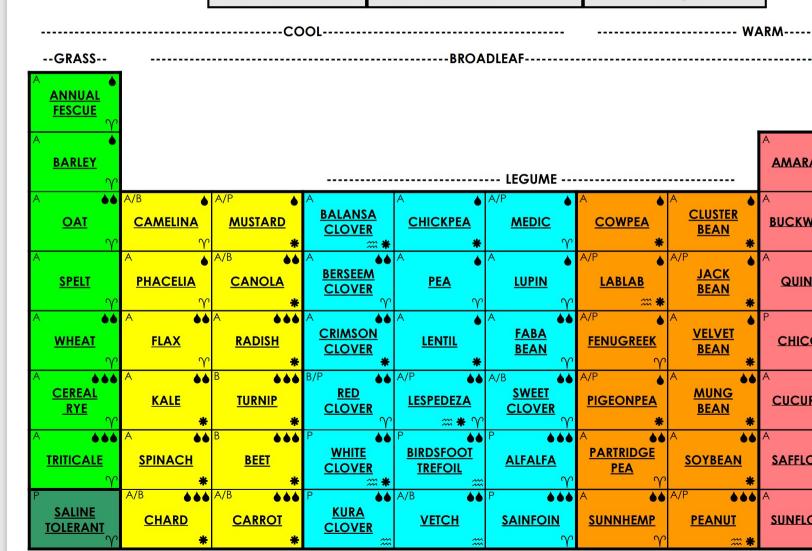
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# **RELATIVE WATER USE**

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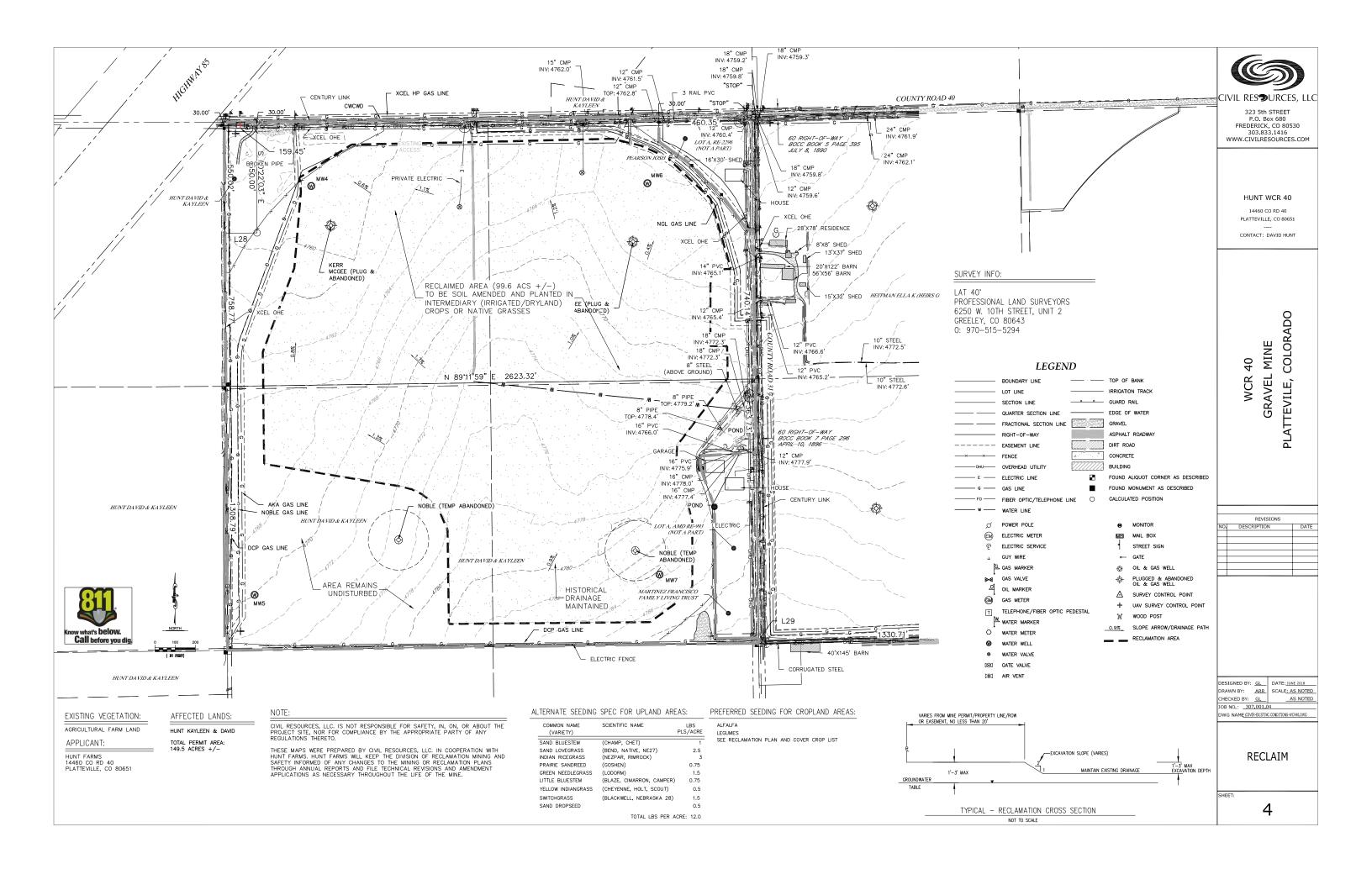
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<u>ditional Information</u>

# EXHIBIT F- RECLAMATION PLAN MAP

Please refer to the attached Reclamation Plan Map.		



# **EXHIBIT G – WATER INFORMATION**

This information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.7 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations:

(a) Locate on the map (Exhibit C) tributary water courses, wells, springs, stock water ponds, reservoirs and ditches

Please refer to Exhibit C for locations of water courses, ditches and well permit in close proximity to the site, including wells, springs, stock water ponds, reservoirs and ditches.

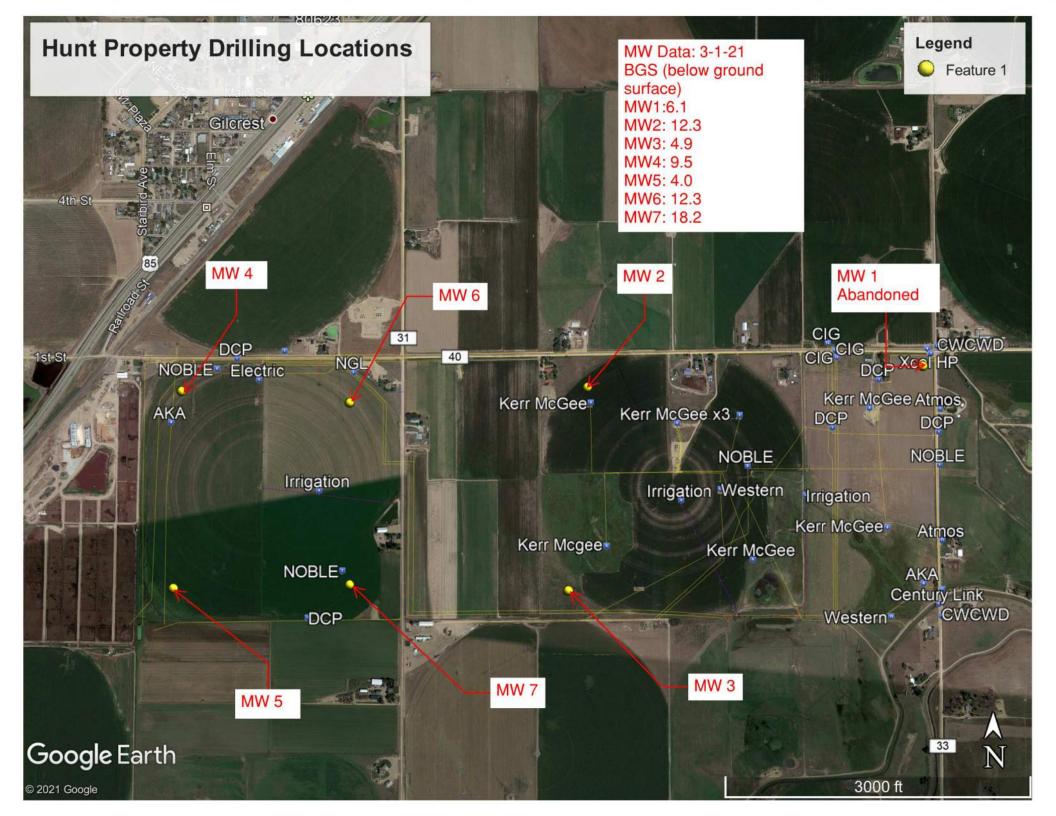
(b) Identify all known aquifers

The Site is underlain by the South Platte River alluvial aquifer.

- (c) Show how water from dewatering operations or runoff from disturbed areas, piled material and operating surfaces will be managed to protect against pollution of either surface or groundwater both during and after the operation.

  Please refer to the Mining Plan Map in Exhibit C of this application. Mine areas will drain
  - internally. Uncontrolled releases of surface water in disturbed areas will not occur. Stormwater collected in the active mine area will be managed through the dewatering system.
- (d) Estimate project water requirements including flow rates and annual volumes for the development, mining and reclamation phases of the project.
  - <u>Projected Use And Consumption</u>: There will be no exposed groundwater.
- (e) Indicate the projected amounts of the water sources to supply project water requirements. There will be no exposed groundwater.
- (f) Affirmatively state that the Applicant has acquired or applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit from the Water Quality Control Division

  The Operator will apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prior to discharging water from the site.



# **EXHIBIT H - WILDLIFE INFORMATION**

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.8 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations:

- (1) The Operator/Applicant shall include in this Exhibit, a description of the game and non-game resources on and in the vicinity of the application area, including;
  - a) A description of the significant wildlife resources on the affected land;

This information is provided in the attached Exhibit H Wildlife Information, prepared by Savage and Savage environmental firm, located at 4610 Haystack Drive, Windsor, Colorado 80550, based on a site investigation conducted in April of 2021.

b) Seasonal use of the area;

This information is provided in the attached Exhibit H Wildlife Information, prepared by Savage and Savage environmental firm, located at 4610 Haystack Drive, Windsor, Colorado 80550, based on a site investigation conducted in April of 2021.

c) Threatened or endangered species;

The attached Savage and Savage Exhibit H Wildlife Information included an evaluation for threatened and endangered species. Their conclusions are documented in the attached report.

d) General effect during and after the proposed operation on the existing wildlife of the area;

This information is provided in the attached Exhibit H Wildlife Information, prepared by Savage and Savage environmental firm, located at 4610 Haystack Drive, Windsor, Colorado 80550, based on a site investigation conducted in April of 2021.

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April 13, 2021

Andy Rodriguez Civil Resources, LLC 8308 Colorado Boulevard, Suite 200 Firestone, Colorado 80504

Re: Preliminary Environmental Assessment, WCR 40 Soil Mine, Weld County, Colorado

# Andy:

On April 8, 2021, Savage and Savage staff conducted a preliminary on-site investigation of the proposed WCR 40 Soil Mine located south of Gilcrest in Weld County, Colorado. The purpose of the site investigation was to assess the likelihood of encountering jurisdictional wetlands and waters of the United States, potential habitat for the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*), Ute ladies-tresses orchid (*Spiranthes diluvialis*), bald eagle nests or roosts, and any other protected species.

The on-site investigation of the proposed WCR 40 Soil Mine site consisted of a pedestrian and vehicle inspection of approximately 150 acres contained in the NE¼ of Section 33 and the N1/2 of Section 34 within T4N, R66W of the 6th prime meridian in Weld County, Colorado. The site is bounded on the north by the Weld County Road 40, the east by Weld County Road 31, the south by adjacent agricultural fields, and the west by a feed lot. Currently, the property is used for irrigated agriculture. Adjacent land uses include residential, agriculture, a feed lot, oil and gas development, and grazing. Findings of the preliminary site investigation are detailed below.

### **Waters of the United States**

Waters of the United States, regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, are all waters which were, are, or could be used in interstate commerce; and include (but are not limited to) rivers, streams, sloughs, and adjacent wetlands. No waters of the United States were identified on the property, based on a review of Google Earth[©] aerial imagery and verified by pedestrian and vehicular on-site inspection.

The nearest waters of the United States navigable waterway is the South Platte River located three miles to the northwest.

### Jurisdictional Wetlands

Regulated jurisdictional wetlands encountered in Colorado include submergent, emergent, wet meadows, sloughs, surface water drainage ditches, bogs, and potholes. No areas concluded to be jurisdictional wetlands were identified within the proposed project area. The southwest boundary of the project site (located within the fallow area on the aerial) contained hydrophytic vegetation species (including *Scirpus americanus*, *Rumex crispus*, and *Phalaris arundinacea*) within small inclusions. The inclusions did not contain evidence of hydric soils or a prevailing hydrology indicative of significant saturation or inundation during the growing season. Further investigation revealed that the southwest boundary has the lowest elevation of the project site and is downgradient from an irrigation tailwater pond and row irrigation within the farm immediately to the south. The location of the small inclusions is also isolated from any adjacent waters of the United States, further rendering the areas non-jurisdictional.

# Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat

The Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) is a federally listed threatened species which generally occurs near wetlands and water bodies. The property was evaluated for potential Preble's habitat, based on the current U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service guidelines.

No potential habitat for the Preble's meadow jumping mouse exists within the proposed project area. The proposed project site does not contain requisite habitat (riparian corridors with significant overstory and shrub understory, or wet meadows).

### **Ute Ladies-tresses Orchid Habitat**

The Ute ladies-tresses orchid (*Spiranthes diluvialis*) is a federally listed threatened plant species characteristically found in wet meadows and alluvial flood plains below 6500 feet in northern Colorado, southwestern Wyoming, and the Uintah Basin of Utah. Habitat assessments and/or pedestrian surveys during the blooming period are required for sites within the South Platte River 100-year floodplain and in characteristic habitat which includes areas with a seasonally high water table, wet meadows, stream channels, floodplains, areas with vegetation in the facultative wet or obligate classification, and jurisdictional wetlands.

Based on the preliminary investigation, there is no potential orchid habitat within the proposed project area, as the characteristic orchid habitat elements are not present.

# **Bald Eagle Habitat**

A review of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) website (https://cogccmap.state.co.us/cogcc_gis_online/) for identified bald eagle nests and roosts did not identify any nests or roosts within three miles of the project site. The nearest bald eagle nests and roosts are located along the South Platte River corridor to the northwest. During our on-stie investigation no evidence of bald eagle roosts, nests, or bald eagles were

observed. No prairie dogs or prairie dog colonies that would provide a food source for eagles or other raptors were found within the property.

# **Other Potential Species of Concern**

In addition to bald eagle nests and roosts, the COGCC website was searched for locations of burrowing owl, ferruginous hawk, golden eagle, northern goshawk, peregrine falcon, and prairie falcon active nest sites. None were within the project area or within two miles of the project site. Least tern and piping plover production areas were searched, and none were located within the project site or within five miles of the project site.

No mule deer migration corridors, winter concentration areas, or severe winter range are located within three miles of the project area.

# **Discussion and Recommendations**

No jurisdictional wetlands or waters of the United States are present within the proposed project area.

No potential Preble's meadow jumping mouse habitat was observed within the proposed project area.

Characteristic potential habitat for the Ute ladies-tresses orchid is not present within the project area.

No evidence of bald eagles was observed on the project site, nor have any bald eagle nests or roosts been identified within three miles of the project site.

No evidence of other species of concern was found within the project area. No identified locations for the above species of concern were located within the vicinity of the project area.

If I can provide additional information, assistance, or clarification, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Savage

Principal



# **EXHIBIT I - SOILS INFORMATION**

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.9 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations:

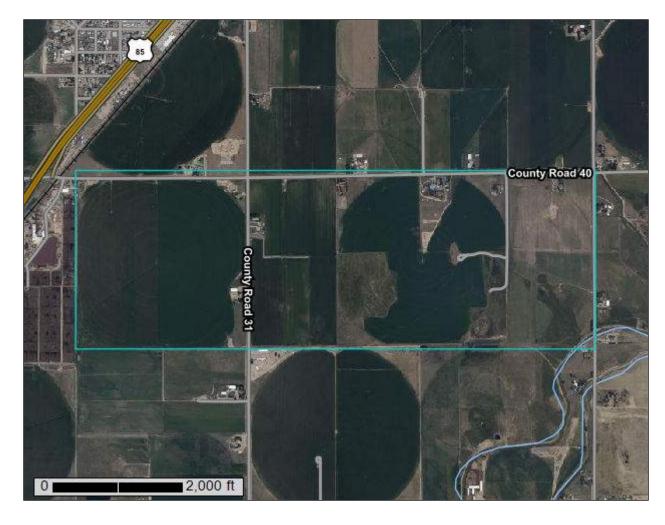
(1) In consultation with the Soil Conservation Service or other qualified person, indicate on a map (in Exhibit C) or by a statement the general type, thickness and distribution of soil over affected land.

The soil types on the site are shown on the attached Soil Map.



**NRCS** 

Natural Resources Conservation Service A product of the National Cooperative Soil Survey, a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local participants Custom Soil Resource Report for Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part



# **Preface**

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2 053951).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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# **How Soil Surveys Are Made**

Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

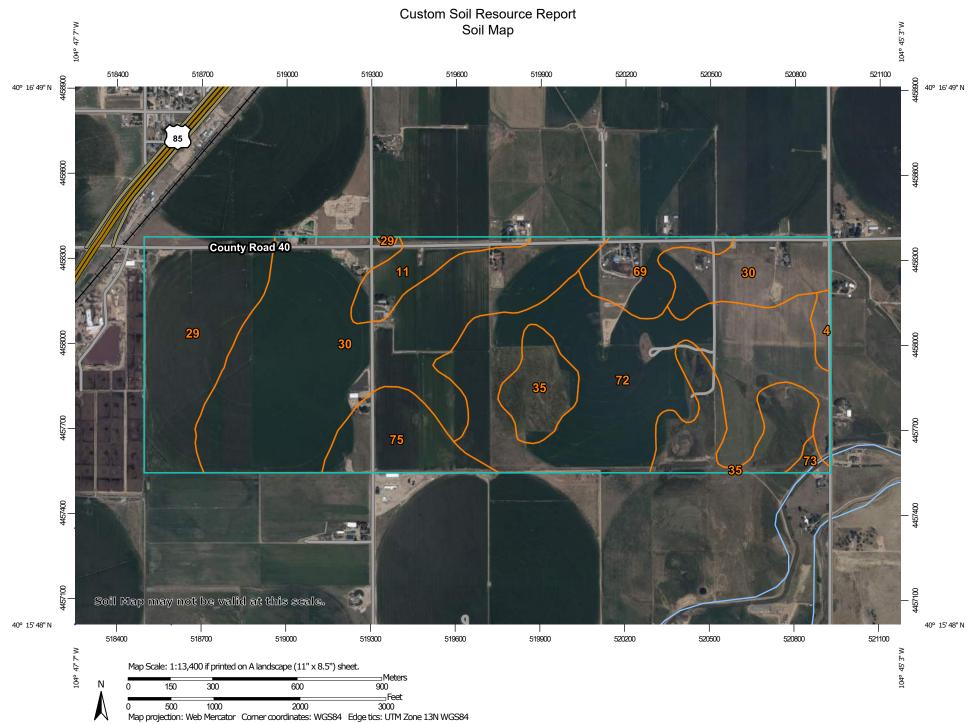
Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

# Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.



#### MAP LEGEND

#### Area of Interest (AOI)

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#### Soils

Soil Map Unit Polygons

Soil Map Unit Lines

Soil Map Unit Points

#### Special Point Features

Blowout (o)

Borrow Pit

Clay Spot

**Closed Depression** 

Gravel Pit

Gravelly Spot

Landfill

Lava Flow

Marsh or swamp

Mine or Quarry

Miscellaneous Water

Perennial Water

Rock Outcrop

Saline Spot

Sandy Spot

Severely Eroded Spot

Sinkhole

Slide or Slip

Sodic Spot

Spoil Area Stony Spot



Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot Other



Special Line Features

#### **Water Features**

Streams and Canals

#### Transportation

Rails ---

Interstate Highways

**US Routes** 



Local Roads 00

#### Background

Aerial Photography

#### MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24.000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part Survey Area Data: Version 19, Jun 5, 2020

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50.000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jul 19, 2018—Aug 10. 2018

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

# Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
4	Aquolls and Aquepts, flooded	3.9	0.8%
11	Bresser sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	16.8	3.3%
29	Julesburg sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	64.7	12.9%
30	Julesburg sandy loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes	180.1	35.8%
35	Loup-Boel loamy sands, 0 to 3 percent slopes	50.8	10.1%
69	Valent sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	20.1	4.0%
72	Vona loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	135.9	27.1%
73	Vona loamy sand, 3 to 5 percent slopes	2.4	0.5%
75	Vona sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	27.7	5.5%
Totals for Area of Interest	· ·	502.4	100.0%

# **Map Unit Descriptions**

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the

scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

# Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

# 4—Aquolls and Aquepts, flooded

## **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 362l Elevation: 3,600 to 4,700 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 16 inches Mean annual air temperature: 50 to 55 degrees F

Frost-free period: 100 to 165 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding

or not frequently flooded during the growing season

# **Map Unit Composition**

Aquolls and similar soils: 55 percent

Aquepts, flooded, and similar soils: 25 percent

Minor components: 20 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

# **Description of Aquolls**

#### Setting

Landform: Drainageways, plains, depressions

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Recent alluvium

#### Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 8 inches: variable

H2 - 8 to 60 inches: stratified sandy loam to clay

#### Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Poorly drained

Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to high

(0.06 to 6.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 6 to 36 inches Frequency of flooding: FrequentNone

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 10 percent

Maximum salinity: Moderately saline to strongly saline (8.0 to 16.0 mmhos/cm)

Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 5.0

Available water capacity: Low (about 4.7 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6w

Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Ecological site: R067BY035CO - Salt Meadow

Hydric soil rating: Yes

#### **Description of Aquepts, Flooded**

#### Setting

Landform: Stream terraces
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Recent alluvium

#### **Typical profile**

H1 - 0 to 8 inches: variable

H2 - 8 to 60 inches: stratified sandy loam to clay

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Poorly drained

Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to high

(0.06 to 6.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 6 to 36 inches Frequency of flooding: FrequentNone

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 10 percent

Maximum salinity: Moderately saline to strongly saline (8.0 to 16.0 mmhos/cm)

Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 5.0

Available water capacity: Low (about 4.7 inches)

# Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6w

Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Ecological site: R067BY038CO - Wet Meadow

Hydric soil rating: Yes

#### **Minor Components**

#### Haverson

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Thedalund**

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

# 11—Bresser sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

# **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 2swl0 Elevation: 4,050 to 6,800 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 18 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 45 to 55 degrees F

Frost-free period: 135 to 190 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil

erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Bresser and similar soils: 90 percent Minor components: 10 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

#### **Description of Bresser**

#### Setting

Landform: Drainageways

Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Coarse sandy alluvium derived from igneous, metamorphic and

sedimentary rock

#### Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 9 inches: sandy loam

Bt - 9 to 25 inches: sandy clay loam

BC - 25 to 30 inches: sandy loam

C - 30 to 79 inches: loamy sand

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high

(0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 10 percent Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 0.1 mmhos/cm) Available water capacity: Low (about 5.8 inches)

# Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4c

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

# **Minor Components**

#### **Truckton**

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Drainageways

Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Vona

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Stream terraces

Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

# 29—Julesburg sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes

#### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 3626 Elevation: 4,700 to 4,800 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 15 to 19 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F

Frost-free period: 145 to 155 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil

erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60

# **Map Unit Composition**

Julesburg and similar soils: 85 percent Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

#### **Description of Julesburg**

#### Setting

Landform: Terraces
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: South platte river alluvium

#### Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 12 inches: sandy loam H2 - 12 to 27 inches: sandy loam H3 - 27 to 60 inches: sand

## Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.5 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2s Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

# **Minor Components**

#### Valent

Percent of map unit: 4 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Remmit

Percent of map unit: 4 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Edgar

Percent of map unit: 4 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Vona

Percent of map unit: 3 percent Hydric soil rating: No

# 30—Julesburg sandy loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2tlpz Elevation: 4,200 to 4,320 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 15 to 20 inches Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 52 degrees F

Frost-free period: 144 to 163 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil

erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Julesburg and similar soils: 85 percent Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

# **Description of Julesburg**

#### Settina

Landform: Interfluves

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Eolian sands

#### Typical profile

A - 0 to 5 inches: sandy loam
BA - 5 to 12 inches: sandy loam
Bt1 - 12 to 30 inches: sandy loam
Bt2 - 30 to 39 inches: sandy loam
C - 39 to 80 inches: loamy sand

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 1 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.1 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water capacity: Low (about 5.9 inches)

## Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4s

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: R072XY111KS - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

# **Minor Components**

#### Haxtun

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Interfluves, drainageways

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Concave

Ecological site: R072XY111KS - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Valent

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Interfluves

Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: R072XY109KS - Rolling Sands

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Manter

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Interfluves

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: R072XY111KS - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

# 35—Loup-Boel loamy sands, 0 to 3 percent slopes

#### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 362f Elevation: 4,550 to 4,750 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 11 to 15 inches Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 52 degrees F

Frost-free period: 130 to 180 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

# **Map Unit Composition**

Loup and similar soils: 55 percent Boel and similar soils: 35 percent Minor components: 10 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

#### **Description of Loup**

#### Setting

Landform: Swales, drainageways, streams

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Sandy alluvium

#### Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 16 inches: loamy sand H2 - 16 to 40 inches: loamy sand H3 - 40 to 60 inches: sandy loam

# **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Poorly drained Runoff class: Very high

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00

in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 0 to 18 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 5 percent Available water capacity: Low (about 5.2 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6w

Hydrologic Soil Group: A/D

Ecological site: R067BY029CO - Sandy Meadow

Hydric soil rating: Yes

#### **Description of Boel**

#### Setting

Landform: Swales, drainageways, streams

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Stratified sandy alluvium

#### Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 14 inches: loamy sand H2 - 14 to 60 inches: loamy sand

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Drainage class: Somewhat poorly drained

Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (5.95

to 19.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 18 to 36 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 5 percent Available water capacity: Low (about 4.2 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6w

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: R067BY029CO - Sandy Meadow

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

#### Osgood

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Valent

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

# 69—Valent sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes

# Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2tczd Elevation: 3,000 to 5,210 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 20 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F

Frost-free period: 130 to 166 days

Farmland classification: Farmland of local importance

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Valent and similar soils: 85 percent Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

# **Description of Valent**

#### Setting

Landform: Interdunes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope, toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Noncalcareous eolian sands

#### **Typical profile**

A - 0 to 5 inches: sand AC - 5 to 12 inches: sand C1 - 12 to 30 inches: sand C2 - 30 to 80 inches: sand

## Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Excessively drained

Runoff class: Negligible

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (6.00

to 39.96 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 1 percent Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.1 to 1.9 mmhos/cm) Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.4 inches)

## Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: R067BY015CO - Deep Sand, R072XA021KS - Sands (North) (PE

16-20)

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

#### **Julesburg**

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Interdunes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains, R072XA022KS - Sandy (North)

Draft (April 2010) (PE 16-20)

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Dailey**

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Interdunes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Concave

Ecological site: R067BY015CO - Deep Sand, R072XA022KS - Sandy (North) Draft

(April 2010) (PE 16-20) Hydric soil rating: No

#### Vona

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Interdunes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains, R072XA022KS - Sandy (North)

Draft (April 2010) (PE 16-20)

Hydric soil rating: No

# 72—Vona loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 363r Elevation: 4,600 to 5,200 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 15 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 55 degrees F

Frost-free period: 130 to 160 days

Farmland classification: Farmland of local importance

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Vona and similar soils: 85 percent Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

## **Description of Vona**

### Setting

Landform: Plains, terraces Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Alluvium and/or eolian deposits

#### Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 6 inches: loamy sand H2 - 6 to 28 inches: fine sandy loam H3 - 28 to 60 inches: sandy loam

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 6.00

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 15 percent

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to slightly saline (0.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.5 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

#### Remmit

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Valent

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

# 73—Vona loamy sand, 3 to 5 percent slopes

#### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 2x0j8 Elevation: 4,100 to 5,200 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 17 inches Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 52 degrees F

Frost-free period: 130 to 155 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Vona and similar soils: 85 percent Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

## **Description of Vona**

#### Setting

Landform: Hills, hillslopes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Linear, convex Across-slope shape: Linear, convex Parent material: Eolian sands

#### **Typical profile**

A - 0 to 7 inches: loamy sand Bt1 - 7 to 14 inches: sandy loam Bt2 - 14 to 20 inches: sandy loam Bk - 20 to 45 inches: sandy loam C - 45 to 80 inches: loamy sand

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 3 to 5 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 10 percent Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.1 to 1.0 mmhos/cm) Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.4 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4s

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: R067BY015CO - Deep Sand

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

#### **Ascalon**

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Interfluves

Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

### Manter

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Hills, interfluves

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope

Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, interfluve

Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex, linear

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

### **Olnest**

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Landform: Interfluves, hills

Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope, toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve, base slope

Down-slope shape: Linear, concave Across-slope shape: Linear, concave

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Valent

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Landform: Dunes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, shoulder, backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Crest, side slope, nose slope

Down-slope shape: Linear, convex Across-slope shape: Linear, convex

Ecological site: R067BY015CO - Deep Sand

Hydric soil rating: No

# 75—Vona sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes

# **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 363v Elevation: 4,650 to 4,950 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 15 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 55 degrees F

Frost-free period: 130 to 160 days

Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Vona and similar soils: 85 percent Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

#### **Description of Vona**

#### Setting

Landform: Terraces
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Alluvium

# Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 6 inches: sandy loam H2 - 6 to 28 inches: fine sandy loam H3 - 28 to 60 inches: sandy loam

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 1 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 6.00

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 15 percent

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to slightly saline (0.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.8 inches)

# Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: R067BY024CO - Sandy Plains

Hydric soil rating: No

# **Minor Components**

#### Remmit

Percent of map unit: 11 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Olney

Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

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# EXHIBIT J - VEGETATION INFORMATION

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.10 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations:

(a) Description of present vegetation types including estimates of cover and height of principal species in each life-form represented;

The current site is covered by irrigated pasture..

(b) Relationship of present vegetation to soil types;

The pasture grasses are compatible with the current soil type.

(c) Estimates of annual production and carrying capacity if the choice for reclamation is for range or agriculture.

The area is proposed to be reclaimed as fallow ground or irrigated crops.

# **EXHIBIT K - CLIMATE INFORMATION**

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.11 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations:

# Provide a description of the significant climatological factors for the locality.

This property is in a semi-arid continental climate strongly influenced by the Rocky Mountains. The area is usually warm in the summer with frequent hot days. In winter, periods of very cold weather are caused by arctic air moving in from the north or northwest. Milder periods occur when westerly winds are warmed as they move down slope off of the mountains to the west.

Weather monitoring data is not available from the site. The nearest weather monitoring station is at Ft. Lupton and Brighton, Colorado. Data is collected from the Western Regional Climate Center. The table below lists the mean monthly temperature, and average total precipitation on a monthly and annual basis for the period of record from January 1, 1950 to December 31, 2000. Most of the precipitation occurs as rainfall during the warmer part of the year with the heaviest rainfalls in the late spring and early summer. Winter snowfall is frequent but the snow cover usually melts quickly during the milder periods.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Mean Monthly Temperature (F)	28.0	32.9	39.1	48.1	57.7	67.3	72.8	70.7	61.9	50.8	37.1	29.5	49.7
Average Total Precipitation (in.)	0.44	0.39	1.04	1.44	2.12	1.63	1.44	1.39	1.16	0.83	0.69	0.42	12.99

# EXHIBIT L - RECLAMATION COSTS

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.12 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations:

The mined area will be reclaimed to 2-feet below existing grade and tie into existing grade on the perimeter of the mine. The mine will include a 100-foot buffer around the perimeter of the excavation. The mine was excavated down at a 2 to 1 horizontal to vertical slope on the east, west and south side, along with feathering grades back into existing on the north by Weld Cunty Road 40. This excavation will be amended and planted with crops or dryland native grasses. Historic drainage patterns will be maintained.

Please refer to the attached table for estimates of quantities and associated costs.

# EXHIBIT L - RECLAMATION COST - WCR 40 MINE

Activity	Quantity	Units	Unit Costs		Cost
A. Processing area. Processing equipment is portable and would be removed by the operator					
Clean up processing area, minor grading	1	LS	\$ 25,000.00		25,000.00
			Subtotal	\$	25,000.00
D. Reclamation  1 Import soil amendment (3" of manure or amendment for 100 acres)  2 Spread & place soil amendment (inlcudes scarify/rip)  3 Seeding/Planting (\$900/ac to seed & mulch)	60,500 60,500 100	CY CY AC	\$ 3.00 \$ 3.00 \$ 900.00	\$	181,500.00 181,500.00 90,000.00
			Subtotal	\$	453,000.00
Total Disturbance Costs				\$	478,000.00
Indirect Costs					
Overhead & Profit				_	2.055.00
Performance Bond (2.02%) - Based on DRMS estimate				\$	9,655.60
Performance Bond (3.07%) - Based on DRMS estimate				\$	5,019.00
Job Superintendent (240 hours @ \$75/hr) - Based on DRMS estimate				\$	18,000.00
Contractor Mob and DeMob (3%) - Based on DRMS estimate				\$	14,340.00
Contractor Overhead and Profit (10%) - Based on DRMS estimate			0.1.1.1.1	\$	47,800.00
Contract Associated (dispost to 0.9 B)			Subtotal	\$	94,814.60
Contract Amount (direct + O & P)				Þ	572,814.60
Legal, Engineering & Project Management Financial warranty processing (legal/related costs) (\$500)				¢.	500.00
Engineering Work and/or contract/bid preparation (4.25%)				Φ	24.344.62
Reclamation management and/or administration (5%) - Based on DRMS estimate				φ	28,640.73
Contingency (3%)				φ \$	14,340.00
Contingency (070)			Subtotal	\$	67,825.35
Total Indirect Costs			Gubiolai	\$	162,639.95
Total Bond Amount				\$	640,639.95

# EXHIBIT M - OTHER PERMITS AND LICENSES

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.13 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations:

Prior to excavation the Operator will acquire all appropriate permits. Including but not limited to:

- CDPHE Discharge Permit
- CDPHE APEN Permit
- Weld County Use by Special Review (USR), the permits below are typically required under the USR process.
  - Access permits, if required CDOT will be notified under this permit process.
  - o ROW permits.
  - Noise and Traffic studies.

# EXHIBIT N - SOURCE OF LEGAL RIGHT TO ENTER

This information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.7 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations. Please refer to the attached legal right-to-enter documents.

David Hunt Property Owner

RE: Legal Right to Enter

Dear Mr. Hunt:

In exchange for good and valuable consideration, in hand paid, David Hunt hereby grants to Hunt Farms the right to enter into the real property situated between the towns of Platteville (to the south) and Gilcrest (to the northeast). The site is located within the northeast ¼ of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian. The site is generally bounded on the north by the Weld County Road 40, on the south by farmland, the east and west by Weld County Road 31 and a feedlot, respectively.

You and your officers, employees, contractors, and agents have permission to enter upon the Property for all purposes, including the exploration for gravel, sand and aggregate. We hereby confirm that you have authority and right to execute all documents required to apply for and obtain permits and the like to mine gravel, sand and aggregate on the Property.

**David Hunt** 

David Hunt - Hunt Farms

STATE OF COLORADO

) ss.

**COUNTY OF WELD** 

the property. Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 9 12 2023.

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by David Hunt, as Owner of

**Notary Public** 

ANDREW RODRIGUEZ NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO

NOTARY ID 20114053878

My Commission Expires September 12, 2023

# EXHIBIT O – OWNERS OF RECORD OF AFFECTED LAND (SURFACE AREA) AND OWNERS OF SUBSTANCE TO BE MINED

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.15 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and regulations:

# Owners of Surface Area and Owners of Substance to be mined

The property and the substance to be mined are owned by:

HUNT DAVID & KAYLEEN 14460 CO RD 40 PLATTEVILLE, CO 80651 (970) 737-243

The following are Mineral Owners:

HUNT DAVID & KAYLEEN 14460 CO RD 40 PLATTEVILLE, CO 80651 (970) 737-243

# **EXHIBIT P - MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN TWO MILES**

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.16 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and regulations:

List any municipalities within two miles of the proposed mining operation and address of the general office:

Town of Gilcrest 304 8th Street, Gilcrest, CO 80623 (970) 737-2426

Town of Platteville 400 Grand Avenue Platteville, CO 80651 970-785-2245

# EXHIBIT Q - PROOF OF MAILING OF NOTICES TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.17 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations:



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May 3, 2021



Board of County Commissioners 915 Tenth Street P. O. Box 758 Greeley CO 80632

RE:

Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Mine Land Reclamation Board (112) Operation Reclamation Permit Application, Weld County, Colorado; Weld County Road 40 Soil Mine

#### Dear Board:

Hunt Farms is applying for a MLRB permit to mine soil at the project site within the northeast ¼ of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian. The site is generally bounded on the north by the Weld County Road 40, on the south by farmland, the east and west by Weld County Road 31 and a feedlot, respectively. The project is located in Weld County, Colorado. As required by the DRMS regulations, we have enclosed the following information for your review:

- Notice of Filing Application form
- Construction Material Regular (112) Operation Reclamation Permit application form
- Exhibit B Index Map
- Exhibit C Mining Plan Map
- Exhibit F Reclamation Plan Map

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 303-833-1416, ext. 202.

Sincerely.

CIVIL RESOURCES, LLC

Andy Rodriguez, P.E.

Civil Engineer

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VIA: Certified Mail/Hand Delivered

Platte Valley Soil Conservation District 57 West Bromley Lane Brighton, CO 80601

MLRB (112) Operation Reclamation Permit Application, Weld County, Colorado; Hunt Farms, RE: Weld County Road 40 Soil Mine.

To Whom it May Concern:

Hunt Farms, Weld County Road 40 Soil Mine is applying for an MLRB permit to mine sand at the project site. The site is located within the northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian. The site is generally bounded on the north by the Weld County Road 40, on the south by farmland, the east and west by Weld County Road 31 and a feedlot, respectively.

As required by the DRMS regulations, we have enclosed the following information for your review:

- Construction Material Regular (112) Operation Reclamation Permit application form
- Exhibit B Index Map
- Exhibit C Pre-Mining Plan Map
- Exhibit D Mining Plan
- Exhibit E Reclamation Plan
- Exhibit F Reclamation Plan Map
- Exhibit I Soils Information
- **Exhibit J Vegetation Information**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 303-833-1416, ext. 202. Raisved May 3,2021

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Sincerely,

CIVIL RESOURCES, LLC

Andy Rodriguez, P.E.

Civil Engineer

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# EXHIBIT R - PROOF OF FILING WITH COUNTY CLERK OR RECORDER

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.18 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations.



May 3, 2021

Clerk to the Board of Weld County Commissioners 1150 O Street P.O. Box 758 Greeley, CO 80631 WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RE: Weld County Road 40 Soil Mine

Dear Clerk to the Board:

As a requirement of the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (DRMS), the complete <u>Weld County Road 40 Soil Mine</u> application must be on file at the County Clerk's Office and be available for public viewing. A copy of the complete application on behalf of Hunt Farms is attached. Please sign below to indicate that you have received the above-mentioned information and return this page to us by email at andy@civilresources.com.

As always, thank you for your assistance.

Civil Resources, LLC
Andy Rodriguez, P.E.

Project Engineer

Sincerely,

Confirmation of Receipt:

I have received the above reference documents, and will put it on file for public viewing.

County Clerk to the Board

Date

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# EXHIBIT S - PERMANENT MAN-MADE STRUCTURES

The information provided in this Exhibit is intended to satisfy the requirements outlined in Section 6.4.19 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Construction Material Rules and Regulations.

Where mining will adversely affect the stability of any significant, valuable or permanent man-made structure located within 200 feet of affected land, the applicant may either:

- a) Provide a notarized agreement between the applicant and the person(s) having an interest in the structure, that the applicant is to provide compensation for any damage to the structure; or
- b) The applicant shall provide an appropriate engineering evaluation that demonstrates that such structure shall not be damaged by activities occurring at the mining operation: or
- c) Where the structure is a utility, the Applicant may supply a notarized letter stating that the mining and reclamation as proposed will have no negative effect on their utility.

The site poses no risk to surrounding structures as the excavation will be 2 feet or less. The known, permanent, man-made structures within 200 feet of the proposed mine areas are listed as follows:

UTILITIES: HUNT KAYLEEN & DAVID, IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE CENTRAL WELD COUNTY WATER LINE WCR 40 ROW (CWCWD) WCR 40 & 31 ROW (WELD COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS) XCEL OVERHEAD POWER LINE (NORTHERN, WESTERN & EASTERN BOUNDARY) VARIOUS GAS LINES (DCP, AKA, NGL & NOBLE) URPRC 33-7F WELL HEAD (NOBLE) UPRC 33-8F WELL HEAD (NOBLE) SWEET VALLEY FARMS UPRR 31-33-2 (NOBLE) SWEET VALLEY FARMS-UPRR 41-33 (NOBLE) FIBER OPTIC IN WCR 40 & 31 ROW (CENTURY LINK) CWCWD (WATER LINE, NORTH BOUNDARY)

#### **HOME OWNERS WITH HOUSES WITHIN 200':**

HUNT KAYLEEN & DAVID
WEBBER EILEEN & WEBBER PAUL T
SANDAU DORIS E & SANDAU ROBERT V
HEITMAN ELLA K (HEIRS OF)
NELSON RALPH CARL & CLAUDIA JEAN
MARTINEZ FRANCISCO
FAMILY LIVING TRUST
PEARSON JOSH