



Eric C. Scott
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St., Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Smith Pit, File No. M-2021-035 (HC#79893)

Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you for your correspondence on June 03, 2021 initiating consultation with our office in accordance with the Colorado State Register Act - Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) 24-80.1 et. seq.

A search of our database indicates one historical homestead; the Smith Homestead/RLS Ranch LLC (SYM.373) is located within or adjacent to the permit area. Although this site has not received an official eligibility determination for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, it has been designated as a Centennial Farm. As there are no properties of historical significance included or nominated for inclusion to the state register within the proposed permit area, a finding of no adverse effect is appropriate. As most of Colorado has not been inventoried for cultural resources, our files contain incomplete information. Consequently, there is the possibility that as yet unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed permit area. The requirements under CRS 24-80 part 13 apply and must be followed if human remains are discovered during ground disturbing activities.

Please note that if the fill or disposal site location is associated with a Federal undertaking, it is the responsibility of the federal agency to meet the requirements of Section 106 as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800 titled "Protection of Historic Properties". This includes not only reasonable and good faith identification efforts of any historic properties located within the area of potential effects, but determining whether the undertaking will have an effect upon such properties. The State Historic Preservation Office, Native American tribes, representatives of local governments, and applicants for federal permits are entitled to consultative roles in this process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Holly McKee-Huth, Cultural Resource Information/Section 106 Compliance at (303) 866-4670/holly.mckee@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Steve Turner, AIA
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