

Dustin M. Czapla Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman St., Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Weimer Ranches #4 Mine, File No. M-2021-045 (HC# 80184)

Dear Mr. Czapla:

We received your letter dated July 14, 2021 initiating consultation with our office on the subject action pursuant to the Colorado State Register Act – Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) 24-80.1 et. seq.

A search of our database indicates that one historic mining site, the Liberty Bell Mine (5MN.2189), one historic isolated find (5MN.5331), and one prehistoric isolated find (5MN.4681), are located within or adjacent to the permit area. Each of these properties were determined not eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places. As there are no properties of historical significance included or nominated for inclusion in 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.

We 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 State Historic Preservation Officer