



HISTORY *Colorado*

Dustin M. Czapla
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
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Re: Arkansas Valley Slag (AVS), File No. M-2021-058 (HC#80558)

Dear Mr. Czapla:

We received your letter dated October 18, 2021 on October 27, 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 three historic sites (5LK.892, 5LK.1298, and 5LK.898), are located within or adjacent to the permit area. Site 5LK.892, the Arkansas Valley Smelter, is considered officially eligible for listing on the National Register of History Places (NRHP). Isolated find, 5LK.898, is not eligible for listing on the NRHP, but it does contribute to the eligibility of the officially eligible Leadville Mining District. Lastly, site 5LK.1298 is not eligible for listing on the NRHP. 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
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