



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT
400 ROOD AVENUE, ROOM 224
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501-2520

November 26, 2021

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Attn: Tabetha Lynch
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203
tabetha.lynch@state.co.us

Dear Ms. Lynch,

We are responding to your November 24, 2021, request for comments on the proposed Sanders Gravel Pit Permit Application (Permit No. *M2021066*). The project site is located at 26650 Wheeler Drive, in Section 33, Township 8 North, Range 85 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, approximately 6 miles northwest of the City of Steamboat Springs, Routt County, Colorado.

The Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction is under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. Waters of the United States include, but are not limited to, rivers, intermittent or ephemeral streams, lakes, ponds, impoundments, wetlands, seeps, and springs. Any project features that result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will require Department of the Army authorization prior to starting work.

For future projects, to ascertain the presence of waters of the United States on a project site, the applicant should prepare an aquatic resource delineation, in accordance with the "Minimum Standards for Acceptance of Preliminary Wetlands Delineations" and "Final Map and Drawing Standards for the South Pacific Division Regulatory Program" under "Jurisdiction" on our website at the address below and submit it to this office for verification. A list of consultants that prepare aquatic resource delineations and permit application documents is also available on our website at the same location.

The range of alternatives considered for a project should include alternatives that avoid impacts to wetlands or other waters of the United States. Every effort should be made to avoid project features which require the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. In the event it can be clearly demonstrated there are no practicable alternatives to filling waters of the United States, mitigation plans should be developed to compensate for the unavoidable losses resulting from a project's implementation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Northwestern Colorado Branch, 400 Rood Avenue, Room 224, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by email at tucker.j.feyder@usace.army.mil, or telephone at (970) 243-1199, extension 1017.

We would appreciate your feedback on this permit action including your interaction with our staff and processes. For more information about our program or to complete

our Regulatory Program national customer service survey, visit our website at <https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits>.

Sincerely,

Tucker J. Feyder
Project Manager
NW Colorado Branch