

Janet Binns **Environmental Protection Specialist** Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

RE: New Horizon North Mine (Permit No. C-2010-089) Permit Renewal Application No. 2 (RN-2) (HC# 67460)

Dear Ms. Binns,

Thank you for your correspondence dated and received by our office on December 21, 2021 requesting the review of the above referenced subject action pursuant to the Colorado State Register Act – Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) 24-80.1.

In accordance with the 1991 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our agencies, because the technical revision may incorporate additional lands into the permit area or might otherwise alter previously approved permit conditions or mitigation measures, concurrence between our agencies is required due to the potential for impacts to cultural and/or historic resources. The provided documentation notes that the subject action consists of a permit renewal that will not result in additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

Based on the documentation provided, we find that the subject action will not adversely affect properties listed on or nominated for the State Register of Historic Properties.

Please note that our comments should not be interpreted as concurrence under the National Historic Preservation Act or any other environmental law or regulation. If human remains are discovered during ground disturbing activities, the requirements under CRS 24-80 part 13 apply and must be followed. Should the current subject action change, please contact our office for continued consultation under CRS 24-80.1.

In the event that there is federal agency involvement, please note that 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 you have any questions, please contact Matthew Marques, Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4678, or matthew.marques@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Holly Kathryn Norton Digitally signed by Dr. Holly Kathryn Norton Date: 2021.12.22 09:53:55 -07'00'

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