

EXHIBIT H: WILDLIFE INFORMATION

The 1987 wildlife evaluation still applies. Please see attached.

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MINED LAND WILDLIFE QUESTIONNAIRE

for limited impact and select regular mine applications

1. Name of Company/Mine: STERLING SAND & GRAVEL CO. / HOME OFFICE MINE
2. Name/Address/Phone of Contact Person: MICHAEL C. REFER, MINES MANAGER / P.O. BOX 2187
FORT COLLINS, CO. 80522 / (303) 482-7854
3. Location of Mine: SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$; SEC. 33; T8N; R69W; 6TH P.M., LARIMER COUNTY, CO.
(County, Township, Range, Section to nearest quarter quarter; Exhibit A-MLR appl.)
4. Nearest Town/General Location: APX. 1 NW OF FORT COLLINS, CO.
5. Land Ownership (Circle) ☒ 1. Private 2. BLM 3. USFS 4. Other _____
6. Present Land Use: GENERAL AGRICULTURE / ON-GOING MINING
7. Proposed Final Land Use: RECREATION
8. Type of Operation: ☒ 1. Surface 2. Underground
9. Minerals being mined: SAND & GRAVEL
10. Number and Description of Surface Acres Disturbed by Mining/not including roads
(Exhibit D-MLR): 730.5 TOTAL ACRES - INCLUDING EXISTING ROADS
11. Miles of roads to be constructed: ALL ROADS EXISTING
12. Life of Mine (years): THROUGH 2027
13. Description of Operation and Reclamation -- Additional sheets may be attached
(Exhibits B & E-MLR)
THIS APPLICATION COMBINES FOUR EXISTING CMLRD PERMITS BY AMENDMENT. MINING AND
RECLAMATION IS ON-GOING, BUT ALL OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETELY REVISED AND UPDATED BY
THIS AMENDMENT. THE OPERATOR WILL OPTIMIZE SHORELINE IRREGULARITY TO ENHANCE EDGE
EFFECT. NATIVE GRASSES AND TREE PLANTINGS WILL BE UTILIZED DURING REVEGETATION OF
AFFECTED LANDS REMAINING ABOVE WATER. POND SHALLOWS AND IRREGULARITY OF POND FLOORS
ARE NOW PLANNED. THE OPERATOR WILL ALSO UTILIZE A LIMNOLOGIST OVER THE LIFE OF THE
RECLAMATION TO ADVISE ON THE CREATION OF A SUITABLE AQUATIC HABITAT. DETAILED
RECLAMATION PLANS AND RELATED DATA MAY BE FOUND IN THE INCLUDED CMLRD PERMIT
AMENDMENT APPLICATION. ALL MINING RELATED ACTIVITY IS PLANNED TO OCCUR IN SUCH A
MANNER AS TO FACILITATE THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION OF THE AFFECTED LANDS.
14. Please enclose Maps of Project Operation, Disturbance Areas and Reclamation (Exhibit C.) This will expedite processing. Your cooperation is appreciated.
15. Prepared by: BRADFORD JANES *BS* Date: 20 JULY 1987

MINED LAND WILDLIFE STATEMENT/EVALUATION (Revised)

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The following information pertaining to wildlife is provided for use by Mined Land Reclamation Board in their consideration of a mining permit for:

Sterling Sand & Gravel Co., Home Office Mine, SE 1/4, SE 1/2, Sec. 33, T8N, R69W, Larimer
Name/Type and Location of Mine (Legal) County

Wildlife Species list: Deer, coyote, beaver, fox, muskrat, river otter, skunk, rabbits, waterfowl, raccoon, pheasant, dove, magpie, raptors, numerous small rodents and seasonal songbirds.

Endangered/critical species/impacted: River otter are reported to be in the area (verified).

Critical habitats/vegetative communities impacted: NA

Assessment of impact: As this is primarily a combining of several earlier permits into one, impacts will be minimal. The areas have been used as grazing lands in the past due to the rock contents. A few cottonwood and russian olive trees will also be removed.

Mine Reclamation recommendations (include key species/habitats for which restoration is designed).

The reclamation plan as presented in the application is a well-designed plan and should be flexible enough to meet the needs as they may develop over the next 40 years of the planned life of the mine. Therefore, we concur with the plan.

Prepared By: Donald Bogart B

Date: 9/2/87

Submitted By: _____

Date: _____

This statement is void if not processed within 1 year.
This analysis does not constitute approval of application.