



**COLORADO**  
Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

January 26, 2022

Sterling Rife  
Fremont County  
1170 Red Canyon Road  
Cañon City, CO 81212

RE: Howard Creek Pit #1 & #2 - File No. M-1999-033,  
Surety Release Request (SL-1) Inspection Weather Delay Notice

Dear Mr. Rife:

The DRMS had planned a release inspection for tomorrow, January 27st. Given the recent snow storm and another one forecast for tomorrow, it seems unlikely the status of revegetation at the site can be observed.

Due to the snow cover conditions the inspection must be postponed until it is feasible for the DRMS to access the site and determine if reclamation has been performed in accordance with the approved plan.

The Division will contact you as soon as weather conditions permit and no later than the end of March, 2022 to determine a suitable date and time to inspect the Howard Creek Pit #1 & #2. If you determine the snow has melted before then, please contact me.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at 303-328-5229, or by email at [tim.cazier@state.co.us](mailto:tim.cazier@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Cazier, P.E.  
Environmental Protection Specialist

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