



History Colorado

April 18, 2021

Mindy Gottsegen
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Re: Dakota Hogback 16 (W2W2) – T3s-R70w, Baseline Paleontological Resource Survey Project, Jefferson County, Colorado State Trust Land Board (HC Project # 79789) and the Golden Mine Expansion – File No. M-1976-007-UG (# 80330)

Dear Ms. Gottsegen,

We finally received the final revised version of Paul Murphey's report and we would like to comment on the paleontological resources in this area as well as those that are located within the Golden Mine Expansion – File No. M-1976-007-UG for the Denver Brick Company. These comments are made in accordance with CRS 24-80-401 - The Historical, Prehistorical and Archaeological Resources Act.

Following our review of the documentation provided we offer these comments and recommendations:

All previously recorded archaeological, historic and paleontological resources on State of Colorado or political subdivisions of State lands should be monitored and evaluated by permitted archaeological and paleontological consultants respectively while the mining expansion is initiated by mechanical, blasting and other ground-disturbing activities. The monitoring should document and report any newly recorded cultural or paleontological sites/isolated finds and any diagnostic specimen/artifacts. If blasting and mining expansion activities create any ground disturbance within 50 feet of the following recorded sites: 5JF.7883, 5JF.7884, 5JF.7885, 5JF.7886 and 5JF.7893 we concur with Paleo Solutions Inc.'s recommendations to the State Land Board to collect from these localities. These fossils should be curated at a State-Approved repository. Additionally the 5JF.768/5JF.3845, North Golden Tracksite, locality has been identified as unique and containing valuable scientific information. This trackway should be removed, cast, or otherwise recorded/documented to modern scientific paleontological standards prior to blasting or other ground-disturbing activities that occur within 50 feet of this locality.

If you would like to discuss this survey further, please reach out to us. Dr. Holly Norton is reached at holly.norton@state.co.us. Todd McMahon can also assist; he can be reached at todd.mcmahon@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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cc:\\ Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (File M1976007UG)

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