



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

April 29, 2022

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

Re: Howard Creek Pit #1 & #2 - File No. M-1999-033
Fremont County
Surety Release Request Application (SL-1)
Full release request

Dear Mr. Rife:

On April 29, 2022 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety concluded its review of the Surety Release Request application submitted to the Division on January 4, 2022, addressing the following:

Request for full release from reclamation liability

The decision reached by the Division is: Approve.

I am pleased to inform you that the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety elected to release Fremont County from further responsibility for the Howard Creek Pit #1 & #2. This site is released in its entirety. In accordance with Rule 4.17.2(5), the Division is required to wait thirty (30) days from this notice to allow for appeal of the Division's decision. Once this period closes, if no appeal is submitted the Division will issue the final decision on the release request in writing and the Performance Warranty on file will be returned in separate correspondence from the Division.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board and the Division staff wish to commend Fremont County for your reclamation efforts and the resulting success.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (303) 823-5229, or by email at Tim.cazier@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Sterling Rife
Sara Stevenson-Benn

