



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

May 9, 2022

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

**Re: Quagmire Creek - File No. M-1990-047
Fremont County
Surety Release Request Application (SL-1)**

Dear Mr. Rife:

On May 9, 2022 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety considered your request for a reclamation liability release. The Division found that reclamation had not been accomplished at this site and denied this request. The lack of established vegetation does not meet the post mine land use of wildlife habitat/rangeland. Please review the April 20, 2022 inspection report for the specific reasons for the surety release denial.

In accordance with Rule 1.4.11, any person who can demonstrate that they are directly and adversely affected or aggrieved by an action of the Office, may petition for a hearing before the Board on such action within thirty (30) days of the date of the Office decision, if the decision was a denial, without a hearing. Such petitions for a hearing shall state how the petitioner is directly and adversely affected or aggrieved by the Office's decision, and how the petitioner's interests are entitled to protection under the Act. The petitioner shall list and explain any issue the petitioner believes should be considered by the Board at the hearing on the matter. The petition for a hearing shall specify the application or file number assigned by the Office.

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

