



# United States Department of the Interior



## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Tres Rios Field Office  
29211 Highway 184  
Dolores, Colorado 81323  
[www.blm.gov/colorado](http://www.blm.gov/colorado)

In Reply Refer To:  
3809 (LLCOS01000)  
COC-80448

May 24, 2022

DELIVERED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:  
[lucas.west@state.co.us](mailto:lucas.west@state.co.us)

Lucas West, Environmental Protection Specialist  
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80302

Dear Mr. West:

On April 27, 2022, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office (TRFO) received your letter with the subject *Wedding Bell Project (Rimrock Area), File No. P-2021-010, Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI), Request for Concurrence* regarding the reclamation cost estimate for the proposed exploration drilling operation that would be conducted on unpatented mining claims in the Hamm Canyon area of western San Miguel and Montrose Counties, Colorado. Because of the layout of the proposed project, DRMS has processed the project as three separate Notices of Intent (NOIs), while the BLM has processed the project as a single notice level operation, which was assigned the BLM serial number COC-80448. The name of each of the DRMS NOI's, along with their DRMS serial numbers, county, acres and reclamation cost estimates are shown below.

Table 1: Summary of Reclamation Cost Estimates for Standard Metals "Wedding Bell Project" COC-80448. Total Reclamation Cost Estimate is \$35,170.

Name	DRMS Serial #	County	Acres	DRMS Reclamation Cost Estimate
Groundhog Area	P-2021-008	San Miguel	0.20	\$6,163.00
Section 23	P-2021-009	San Miguel	1.95	\$22,065.00
Rim Rock Area	P-2021-010	Montrose	0.23	\$6,942.00
<b>WEDDING BELL PROJECT TOTAL:</b>			<b>2.38 ACRES</b>	<b>\$35,170.00</b>

The project would involve drilling 11 drill exploration drill holes, creating a laydown area, and the use of existing County and BLM roads, along with pre-existing two-track spurs not part of the County or BLM road systems. Limited overland travel alignments would also be required.

The project has been reviewed by the Field Office and we have found that it contains all of the information required by 43 CFR 3809.301 and would not cause undue and/or unnecessary degradation of public lands as defined by 43 CFR 3809.5. The amount of the reclamation cost estimate is based on the operator complying with all applicable operating cost requirements as outlined in the Notice and the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.40. BLM discussed the reclamation cost estimate and the factors used to calculate it with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety and found that the \$35,170.00 cost estimate is sufficient to cover the cost to government to reclaim disturbance that would be caused by implementation of the notice level drilling proposal.

This letter provides concurrence from the BLM to the CDRMS on the amount of the financial warranty. If you have any questions, please contact James Blair, and geology staff at (970) 749-6714 or [jblair@blm.gov](mailto:jblair@blm.gov).

Sincerely,

Connie Clementson  
Field Manager

CC: Jim Guilinger,  
Nicole Galloway Warland