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Response to Adequacy Review

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Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 2:15 PM

To: Patrick Lennberg - DNR <patrick.lennberg@state.co.us>

Patrick,

Here is our response to the adequacy review. Only thing I am waiting on is the reseeding recommendation from the NRCS office in Rocky Ford. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you



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Response to Adequacy Review of Stoddard Pit M-2022-028 7/14/28

Exhibit A-Site description

Item 1

Please see exhibit A corrections in red, showing the coordinates to the entry point of the mine.

Item 2

Please see attached map updated to show John Stoddard as the sole land owner adjacent on all sides of the mine site.

Exhibit B-Site description

Item 3

Please see narrative correction in red, clarifying the depth of shale rock.

Exhibit C-Mining Plan

Item 4

Please see narrative correction , in red, stating that crushing will not occur on site.

Item 5

Please see the modification to Exhibit C, showing a commitment to replant native grass, using a recommendation obtained from the NRCS office located in Rocky Ford, CO.

Item 6

Please see modification to Exhibit C, showing steps that Mr. Stoddard has taken to avoid truck traffic off site.

Item 7

Please see additional narrative in Exhibit C, explaining the condition of the road and the plan for ongoing routine maintenance work on the road into the mine entrance.

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Exhibit A -Land description and location map

A tract of land lying in the NW1/4 of Sec. 35, T.24S., R.55W. of the 6th P.M.

See attached survey map from Brundage Land Surveying, Inc.

See attached map from Agri Data Inc. showing State Highway 109, Otero county Rd. V.5, John Stoddard's house, shop and private airstrip in relation to the site.

The site is an L shape having the 6 corners described as follows:

Point A: 37.92102
103.54231

Point B: 37.92236
103.54235

Point C: 37.92229
103.54391

Point D: 37.92333
103.54399

Point E: 37.92346
103.54140

Point F: 37.92107
103.54121

Access to the site is located at : 37 55.2473
103 32.5542

Public notice is posted at this location

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Exhibit B - Site description

The attached information was obtained from the basic soils and vegetation information on the USDA's national soils information page and the soil survey of Otero County, Colorado.

The soil over the entire proposed mine location consists of Minnequa-Manvel silt loams, 1 to 6 percent dry slopes.

See appendix for photos of the site showing native grasses and vegetation.

On-site test holes indicate layers of shale rock **begin 6-12" below the surface, and continue to an approximate depth of 30' below the surface.**

Using information from Mr. Stoddard's well that was dug in 2008, we believe the depth of the shale rock to be approximately 30' below the surface. This well is located 465' to the west of the proposed mine site.

Man Made Structures

There are no man made structures within 200' of the site. The closest man made structure is a 70' X 140' metal shop building owned by John Stoddard. It is located 203' west of the west boundary of the site.

Water Resources

There is no water source located on the site. The closest well is located 465' west of the west boundary of the site. It is owned by John and Loretta Stoddard. It has a depth of 510'. The water table is located at a depth of 270'. Due to the depth of the water table, hydrologic balance will not be affected.

There are no streams, springs, lakes, stock water ponds, ditches, reservoirs or aquifers that would receive drainage directly from the affected area. Stormwater will remain on site due to the lack of slope, and will be allowed to soak back into the soil.

If water is needed for dust control it will be purchased from the city of La Junta. Stoddard Construction has an account with the city of La Junta, and currently uses a fire hydrant located on south San Juan Ave. for filling.

Stoddard Pit **Exhibit C - Mining Plan**

The site is located approximately 4.9 miles south of La Junta, CO, 1/4 miles west of Highway 109. The site and the land surrounding the site is owned by Stoddard Construction LLC of La Junta, CO.

This site will be used as an open pit mine. The site will be mined using a dozer and excavator. The material will be pushed up into stockpiles and then be hauled off for commercial purposes of road maintenance and building site pad construction. It is estimated that the open pit part of the mine will be no larger than 200' X 200' (.91 acres) at any one time. The material will be pushed from south to north, with material piled on the north end of the pit.

Upon completion of mining, the land will be reclaimed using overburden material and reseeded following a recommendation obtained from the NRCS office in Rocky Ford, CO. (see attached recommendation)

The material expected to be mined will consist of mostly shale rock. If the rock is smaller than 3" it can be used directly from the mine without the need for crushing or screening.

Mining will start on the south end of the site and progress north. As Mining begins, trucks will enter on the south, and have access around the north side of the material as it is pushed into piles using a dozer and or excavator. The road will be a continuous loop, using one way traffic. Trucks will proceed east into the mine, proceed to the east side, turning north to continue around the north side and load facing south. Dirt berms will be placed along the edges of the mine, so as to prevent any traffic from driving off the edge of the mine hole.

As a means of preventing off site truck traffic, Mr. Stoddard will fence the mine site off from the surrounding rangeland.

As the depth of the mine increases, the rock layers are expected to be larger and may require crushing and or screening prior to being used as construction material. When mined material will need crushed, that material will be hauled to another site where it will be crushed, using a 3rd party company to crush as needed. Estimated depth of the shale rock to be mined is 30' below the surface.

It is estimated that there will be 6-12" of overburden to be pushed off to the side and used for dirt berms for safety and also for reclamation upon

completion of mining. Overburden piles will be placed to the east of the open pit and will be stabilized in place by natural overgrowth, although weed control will be monitored to prevent the spread of any noxious weeds.

The land is currently being used as rangeland by Mr. Stoddard and will continue to be used as such, if able, during the life of the mine. The expected life of the mine will be from 15-20 years based on usage of the material to be mined. Mining is estimated to begin between August 1st, 2022 and September 1st 2022. The material to be mined will be less than 70,000 tons per year.

The mining will start on the south end of the site and progress north. Of the 9.95 acres in the site, no more than 9.7 acres are expected to be mined, using .25 acres of the site as setbacks from the perimeter.

Access to the mine will be from an existing approach on Mr. Stoddard's property off of Otero County Rd. V.5., measuring 40' wide, then proceed thru the parking area to the south of Mr. Stoddard's shop, then into the south end of the mine, via **an existing** dirt road owned by Stoddard Construction LLC. **This existing road is currently sufficient for truck traffic.** This road into the mine will be maintained with material from the mine by Stoddard Construction LLC.

There will be no structures placed on site, nor do any structures currently exist on site.

Exhibit I
Proof of filing with Otero County Clerk and Recorder

Otero County Clerk and Recorder
13 West 3rd Street
La Junta, CO 81050

We are delivering to you correction pages to be added to the application packet for the Stoddard Pit, a Limited Impact (110c) construction materials permit, to be operated by Stoddard Construction LLC. A copy of the application is on file with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety.

This copy is delivered to you pursuant to 34-32.5-112 (9) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes 1995, as amended, which states in part:

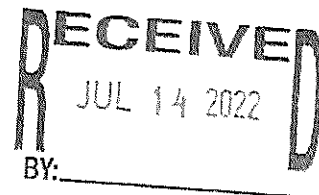
....the applicant shall file a copy of such application for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of the county in which the affected land is located.

Please acknowledge receipt of this copy of the permit application by signing in the space provided below and returning one copy back to us. Please hold this on file for pick up after the application has been approved by the DRMS. (approx. 180 days)

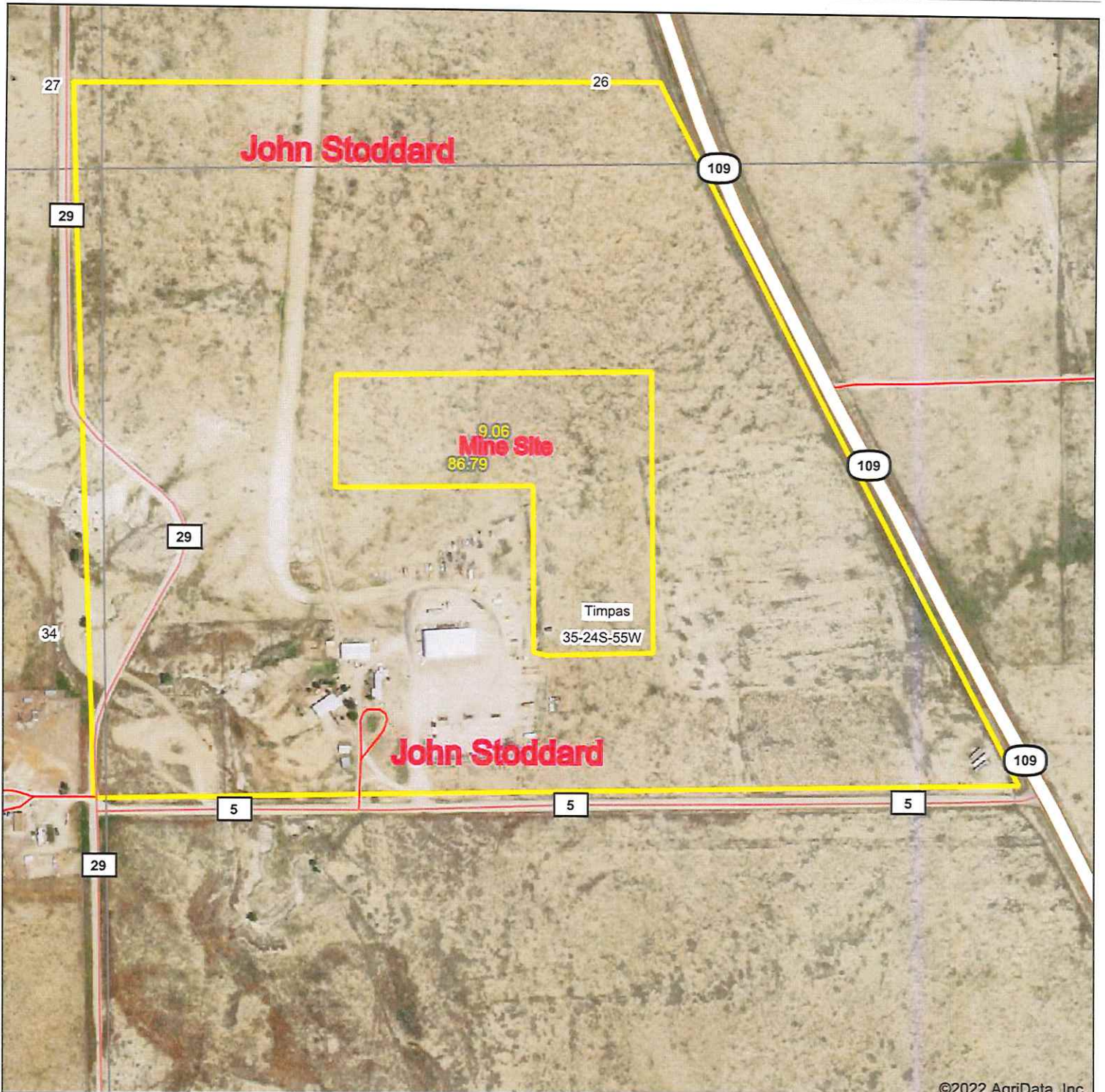
Respectfully,
John Stoddard
Stoddard Construction LLC

Received this 14th day of July , 2022 by


Otero Co. Clerk and Recorder



Aerial Map



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Map Center: 37.921715, -103.542415

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35-24S-55W
Otero County
Colorado



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Notice

This site is the location of a proposed mining operation. Stoddard Construction LLC whose address and phone number are

29111 County Rd. V.5
La Junta, CO 81050
(719)-468-4217,

has applied for a Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Anyone wishing to comment on the application may view the application at the Otero County Clerk and Records office , located at :

Otero County Courthouse
13 W 3rd St., Room 210
La Junta, CO 81050

And should send comments prior to the end of the public comment period to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St. Room 215 Denver , CO 80203.

I, John Stoddard, hereby certify that I posted a sign containing the above notice for the proposed permit area known as the Stoddard Pit, on 5/25/22



John Stoddard

5-31-22
Date