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1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

RE: Cottonwood Pass Pit, Permit # M-2017-014, Surety Release Request (SL-01)

Mrs. Funka:

On June 23, 2022 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a request from the operator for release from further reclamation responsibility for the above referenced site. Division staff inspected the site on May 17, 2019 and found the site to be adequately reclaimed. The Division has approved the full surety release, SL-01, for Permit # M-2017-014. At your earliest convenience, please inform the Division of whether or not the USFS concurs with the Division's decision to approve SL-01. USFS concurrence is needed before the Division can release the financial warranty to the operator and terminate the permit.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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