

Robert Zuber Environmental Protection Specialist Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

RE: Bowie No. 1 Mine (Permit No. C-1981-038) Permit Renewal No. 8 (RN-8) (HC# 67175)

Dear Mr. Zuber,

Thank you for your correspondence received by our office on September 7, 2022 requesting review of the above referenced undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800.

The documentation notes that the undertaking consists of a permit renewal that does not propose revisions, additions, or changes to the current mining and reclamation operations. The documentation also notes that the permit renewal does not propose any ground disturbance outside of the currently approved disturbance area. Based on the documentation provided, we find that a finding of no adverse effects [36 CFR 800.5(d)(1)] to historic properties is appropriate for the subject undertaking.

Should unidentified archaeological resources be discovered in the course of the project, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4) in consultation with our office pursuant to 36 CFR 800.13. Also, should the consulted-upon scope of the work change, please contact our office for continued consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

We request being involved in the consultation process with the local government, which as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 is required to be notified of the undertaking, and with other consulting parties. Additional information provided by the local government or consulting parties might cause our office to re-evaluate our eligibility and potential effect findings. Please note that our compliance letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Marques, Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4678, or matthew.marques@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Dawn DiPrince State Historic Preservation Officer