



May 24, 2023

Shawn Gaide
CF&E Gravel
3050 Highway 96
Westcliffe, CO 81252

**RE: CF&E Gravel, Reference No. M-2023-017, Division Response to “Is It Mining?”
Questionnaire, Permit Required**

Dear Mr. Gaide,

On May 23, 2023, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received information for an “Is It Mining” questionnaire regarding a proposed project to excavate and sell approximately 1,500 cubic yards of rhyolite. Approximately 80% of the excavated material will be hauled to various sites for use as landscaping rock and the remaining 20% of the material will be utilized onsite. Please use the reference number M-2023-017 regarding any correspondence or submittals for this site in the future.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board) has requested the Division make determinations as to the need for a Mined Land Reclamation Permit. Based on the information provided in the questionnaire, the Division has determined **a permit is required for the proposed activity.**

If you disagree with this decision, you may petition to appear before the Board during a formal public hearing for a Declaratory Order concerning this matter. Pursuant to Rule 2.5.2(1), the request must be submitted to the Board in writing and be received no later than 10 days prior to the hearing. The written request must contain the information required pursuant to Rule 2.5.2(2) (copy enclosed). The next available Board hearing will be held on June 21, 2023. All hearings are held at 1313 Sherman St., Room 318, in Denver, Colorado 80203. Please be advised the Division will oppose a Declaratory Order request for this proposed operation on the above stated reasons and other facts it may bring forth in testimony before the Board if necessary.

If you have questions please contact me at (303) 866-3567 extension 8116, otherwise we look forward to working with you through the permitting process.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Russ Means, DRMS

