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## Wildhorse Reservoir - City of Aurora

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**Vidmar, Richard** <rvidmar@auroragov.org>

Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 5:21 PM

To: "Russell - DNR, Elliott" <elliott.russell@state.co.us>, "Carter, Stephanie S" <sscarter@blm.gov>

Cc: Jason Musick - DNR <jason.musick@state.co.us>

Hi Russell and Stephanie,

It looks like our engineering consultant, Tetra Tech, did contact Russ Means and from the response, they understood that nothing was required. I have attached the email chain.

Regardless, we have asked them to submit the questionnaire.

Thanks,

Rich

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**From:** Russell - DNR, Elliott <elliott.russell@state.co.us>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 4:02 PM

**To:** Carter, Stephanie S <sscarter@blm.gov>

**Cc:** Vidmar, Richard <rvidmar@auroragov.org>; Jason Musick - DNR <jason.musick@state.co.us>

**Subject:** Re: Wildhorse Reservoir - City of Aurora

Hey Stephanie,

Thank you for providing DRMS with a copy of BLM's authorization of Phase II exploration of the Wildhorse Reservoir. Can you provide me any and all information that BLM has for what was actually conducted in Phase I of the exploration project (authorized in late 2019)?

The Division last had contact with the City of Aurora in February of 2020 and put them on notice that a DRMS permit was likely needed for proposed exploration activities to occur on BLM lands and also any exploration activities planned for private property too. No Is It Mining Questionnaire nor a Notice of Intent to Explore for Construction Materials was ever submitted.

Thanks,

Elliott Russell  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
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On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 6:49 AM Carter, Stephanie S <[sscarter@blm.gov](mailto:sscarter@blm.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning,

I'm sending you a copy of the authorization letter BLM just issued for Phase II exploration/testing work to be conducted at the planned Wildhorse Reservoir location in Park County.

Thanks!

Best Regards,

STEPHANIE CARTER, LPG

Geologist, Program Lead Locatable & Mineral Materials | BLM CO, Royal Gorge Field Office | Dep't of Interior Region 7 | **3028 E. Main St., Canon City, CO 81212** | 719.269.8551

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From: "Clark, John" <[jpclark@auroragov.org](mailto:jpclark@auroragov.org)>  
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Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2021 22:59:22 +0000  
Subject: FW: Is it Mining - Excavating Borrow for Dam Construction

See the email below

John

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**From:** Scharnhorst, Vicki <[Vicki.Scharnhorst@tetrattech.com](mailto:Vicki.Scharnhorst@tetrattech.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 2:33 PM  
**To:** Clark, John <[jpclark@auroragov.org](mailto:jpclark@auroragov.org)>  
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**Subject:** FW: Is it Mining - Excavating Borrow for Dam Construction

**Emphasis added.**

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**From:** Means - DNR, Russ <[russ.means@state.co.us](mailto:russ.means@state.co.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 12:56 PM  
**To:** Hesemann, Thomas <[Thomas.Hesemann@tetrattech.com](mailto:Thomas.Hesemann@tetrattech.com)>  
**Cc:** Scharnhorst, Vicki <[Vicki.Scharnhorst@tetrattech.com](mailto:Vicki.Scharnhorst@tetrattech.com)>; Charles, Fred <[Fred.Charles@tetrattech.com](mailto:Fred.Charles@tetrattech.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Is it Mining - Excavating Borrow for Dam Construction



Russ Means

On Fri, Sep 3, 2021, 12:48 PM Hesemann, Thomas <[Thomas.Hesemann@tetrattech.com](mailto:Thomas.Hesemann@tetrattech.com)> wrote:

Russ,

Thank you for the prompt reply. We have the form.

Have a safe and fun weekend.

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**From:** Means - DNR, Russ <[russ.means@state.co.us](mailto:russ.means@state.co.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 12:45:34 PM  
**To:** Hesemann, Thomas <[Thomas.Hesemann@tetrattech.com](mailto:Thomas.Hesemann@tetrattech.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Is it Mining - Excavating Borrow for Dam Construction

Mr. Hesemann

**As long as the material is generated and used on site for an approved construction project no DRMS permit is required.** If material leaves to site, please fill out an "is it mining questionnaire" form that can be found on our website. I am responding remotely so can't provide the link directly.

Russ

Russ Means

On Fri, Sep 3, 2021, 10:33 AM Hesemann, Thomas <[Thomas.Hesemann@tetrattech.com](mailto:Thomas.Hesemann@tetrattech.com)> wrote:

Russ,

I hope you are doing well.

We have a client that will be constructing a heavy civil project in Colorado. They will generate borrow from lands owned or controlled by the owner. They will not be exporting borrow from their lands or for commercial purposes. The borrow will be used only to support the construction of the project.

We have two questions: 1. Do they need an exploration permit for the borrow investigations and 2. Will they need a DRMS permit for the owner-used borrow pits?

Regards,

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