



## 2023 Letter of Authorization for Site Investigation Wild Horse Reservoir

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Fri, Jun 16, 2023 at 8:20 AM

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Thanks Russell, do you still use the "is it mining" questionnaire and would this be the best approach?

Thanks,

Rich

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

**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2023 8:12:45 AM

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**Subject:** Re: 2023 Letter of Authorization for Site Investigation Wild Horse Reservoir

Hello Richard,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety has reviewed the documents from the BLM for the Phase 3 Wildhorse Reservoir's exploration project. It appears the project involves geotechnical and geological investigations which largely will not require a permit from our office. However, if test pits or trenches will occur outside/above the reservoir's waterline and are for the purpose of evaluating/investigating/testing of construction materials (i.e. a borrow source for the reservoir's dams) or if the proposed future locations of the borrow source(s) are outside/above the reservoir's waterline, you will want to get in contact with our office to determine if any construction materials mining or exploration permits are needed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Elliott Russell  
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On Fri, Jun 2, 2023 at 1:45 PM Ogle, Raymond P <rogle@blm.gov> wrote:

Afternoon Mr. Vidmar,

Attached is your Letter of Authorization for the third phase of site investigation in Park County, Colorado for feasibility of the Wild Horse Reservoir. This letter of Authorization contains stipulations that are very similar to Phase I and Phase II. If you have any questions please let Mr. John Smeins or myself know. Thanks for taking the time to answer our questions on this project. I have sent you a hard copy of the authorization via snail mail, but figured you might want an electronic copy.

Two files should be attached:

1. Letter of Authorization (3 pages)
2. NEPA Document (127 Pages)

Regards!

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