



Fw: DRMS "Is it Mining?" | 2023 Letter of Authorization for Site Investigation Wild Horse Reservoir

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Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 1:39 PM

Hi Elliott,

I sent this over to our engineering firm that is leading the geotechnical effort and asked them to compare the work this year to the direction in your email. What they've said in the response below is that the test pits that are planned this year are in the reservoir footprint and would be inundated and the borrow area's we've identified are all within the pool too. The other test pits that are planned along the pipeline and dam alignments are not for evaluating for borrow but are for evaluating constructability of the infrastructure.

Let us know what you think.

Also, I wanted to let you know that we are considering DRMS permitting in our planning process and will certainly keep your office in the loop as this project progresses.

Thanks,

Rich

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Rich,

Thank you for forwarding this information from DRMS. Tetra Tech has reviewed the information provided and notes that as currently envisioned during the 2023 field investigation:

- No test pits or trenches will occur outside/above the reservoir's waterline, and
- Borrow source locations are not outside/above the reservoir's waterline

As such, we do not believe the Project currently requires a DRMS permit. We will alert the City immediately should either of these actions change in order to contact the DRMS to determine if any construction materials mining or exploration permits are needed.

Thank you,

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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.

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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!

Ray

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