

August 11, 2023

David Wykoff Homestake Mining Company PO Box 40 Sargents, CO 81428

RE: Pitch Project - File No. M-1977-004, Acreage Release Request (AR-1) Release 2,302.67 acres

Dear David Wykoff:

Your Acreage Release Request application for the Pitch Project 112d-3 Hard Rock Reclamation Permit, which is located in Saguache County has been filed. All comment and review periods began on August 11, 2023, and a decision date has been set for October 10, 2023. The Division will conduct an inspection of the site within sixty days of the filing date of the application (August 11, 2023).

Pursuant to Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rule 4.17.4 (1)(b) you must publish a public notice once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the mining operation. You must submit proof of the notice and mailings, such as Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested, to the Division within thirty days (September 10, 2023). The public comment period will continue for thirty (30) days after the date of publication.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at 303-866-3567 x 8188, or by email at Dustin.czapla@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Dustin M. Czapla Environmental Protection Specialist

M-GR-02



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DATE: August 11, 2023

TO: Saguache County Commissioners 505 Third Street Saguache, CO 81149

FROM: Dustin M. Czapla

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The affected lands included in this request for release of reclamation responsibility total 2,302.67 acres and consist of:

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- Operable Unit 9: Millsite and Stormwater Pond, consisting of 18.1 acres;
- And an additional 2,180.57 acres outside of the operating units but within the permit boundary.

The application decision is scheduled for October 10, 2023. Written comments or objections to the application may be submitted to, and additional information obtained from Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St. Room 215 Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at (303) 866-3567 x 8188.

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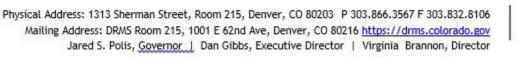
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TO: United States Forest Service 2250 US-50 Delta, CO 81416

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