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Hi Jodi,

We received your comments regarding the bond estimate on 8/28. However, I was in the field through Wednesday, and am just getting the chance to look them over. Your comments are focused on equipment rates.

The Division's bond estimates are calculated using Colorado Integrated Reclamation Cost Estimating Software (CIRCES). Every year (typically in July), CIRCES is updated based on RSMeans data compiled for the previous year.

While we have some flexibility in choosing equipment type, haul/push distances, material volumes, and other items of that nature, we unfortunately do not have any flexibility in selecting equipment rates or unit costs. Those costs are automatically generated in CIRCES based on the equipment selected.

I should note, after our 2023 annual CIRCES update, we are seeing some fairly significant cost increases, which is reflected in the bond estimate calculated for Colorado Gravel LLC Pit.

Does the applicant have any other comments or questions regarding the bond estimate, other than those related to equipment costs? If not, we can move forward with permit approval. Just let me know!

Best Regards,

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