

Robert D. Zuber, P.E. Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Bernhardt Sand and Gravel Pit, File No. M-2023-025 (HC#83573)

Dear Mr. Zuber:

Thank you for your correspondence dated September 14, 2023 and received by our office on September 15, 2023 requesting comment for the referenced permit application notification.

Based on the search area indicated in the maps that our office received on September 19, 2023, a search of our database indicates 0 sites and 0 surveys were located within or adjacent to the search area. If any site, district, building, structure, object, or survey area was identified within the search area, a list of sites is attached to this letter. No National or State Register listed or nominated properties were identified within the proposed permit area. Please note, as most of Colorado has not been inventoried for cultural resources, our files contain incomplete information. Consequently, there is the possibility that as yet unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed permit amendment area. The requirements under CRS 24-80 part 13 apply and must be followed if human remains are discovered during ground disturbing activities.

Please note that our comments should not be interpreted as concurrence under the National Historic Preservation Act or any other environmental law or regulation. It is the responsibility of any federal agency involved to meet the requirements of Section 106 as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800 titled "Protection of Historic Properties". This includes not only reasonable and good faith identification efforts of any historic properties located within the area of potential effects, but determining whether the undertaking will have an effect upon such properties. The State Historic Preservation Office, Native American tribes, representatives of local governments, and applicants for federal permits are entitled to consultative roles in this process.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance, please contact Holly McKee-Huth, Cultural Resource Information/Section 106 Compliance Specialist at (303) 866-4670 or <u>holly.mckee@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Dawn DiPrince State Historic Preservation Officer