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**COLORADO**  
Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

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***RE: Pitch Project, Permit # M-1977-004, Acreage Release Request (AR1)***

Mrs. Funka:

On August 9, 2023 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a request from the operator for release from further reclamation responsibility for part of the permit area for the Pitch Project. The operator has requested to remove 2,302.67 acres of USFS lands from their permit area. The lands included in this release request consist of:

- Operable Unit 10: Haul and Access Roads, consisting of 99.1 acres. Consists of the access road between the Marshall Pass Road (Forest Service Road #3243) and the private property access control gate;
- Operable Unit 7: Limestone quarry, consisting of 4.9 acres;
- 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.

Division staff inspected the site on August 23, 2023 and found the areas to be adequately reclaimed or undisturbed. The Division intends to approve AR1. At your earliest convenience, please inform the Division of whether or not the USFS concurs with the Division's decision to approve AR1. USFS concurrence is needed before the Division can release the areas from further reclamation responsibility.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'Dustin Czapla', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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