

Nickie Gagnon Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: MMM Partnership Gravel Pit – File No. M-2006-042, MMM Partnership, LLP – Amendment (AM-1) to expand the permit area by 31.4 acres (HC# 65708)

Dear Ms. Gagnon:

Thank you for your correspondence received by our office on September 22, 2023 requesting comment for the referenced permit amendment application notification.

Based on the search area indicated in the kmz file that our office received on September 26, 2023, a search of our database indicates 0 sites and 0 surveys were located within or adjacent to the search area. Although no National or State Register listed or nominated properties were identified within the permit area, most of Colorado has not been inventoried for cultural resources, and our files contain incomplete information. Consequently, there is the possibility that unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed amended permit area, and a cultural resource inventory conducted by a qualified contractor, would be needed to identify such resources.

Please note that the requirements under CRS 24-80 part 13 apply and must be followed if human remains are discovered during ground disturbing activities. In addition, 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.

As a reminder, the State Register Act gives the SHPO 30 calendar days to provide a response to the state agency. If the response is to ask for additional information to be able to render a comprehensive and accurate response, the 30-day 'clock' will pause and restart at zero when the SHPO receives the information it requested.

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 holly.mckee@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Dawn DiPrince State Historic Preservation Officer