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M1979155, Dotsero Cinder Pit, TR-2, Adequacy Review

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Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 7:16 AM

To: Lee DeGraffenried - CDOT <lee.degraffenried@state.co.us>

Lee,

A second adequacy review letter is attached. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Lee DeGraffenried
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October 27, 2023

Re: Dotsero Cinder Pit (M-1979-155)
TR-2, Second Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. DeGraffenried,

The Division has completed a review of the materials submitted in response to the initial adequacy review for the Technical Revision No. 2 (TR-2) application.

An amended version of "Mine Plan Map" was submitted, which shows three polygons plus the haul road, each labeled with a name and an area in acres. The polygon names and areas correspond with what is currently approved. The measured areas of the polygons correspond with the labels.

There are several further issues that need to be resolved before TR-2 can be approved:

1. Rule 6.3.5(2)(f) requires that the Mine Plan Map *"outline and label existing disturbance within and/or adjacent to the permit boundary (e.g., previously mined areas, roads or excavations resulting from utility construction)..."*. At the Dotsero Pit there is clearly a substantial disturbed area adjacent to the Lower Stockpile polygon which should be identified on the map. Note also that the boundary of the permit area is important here – although the adjacent area may be used to stockpile material brought in from off-site, it may not be used to store mined material. Clear labeling on the map and in the field will help to minimize the potential for confusion in the future. The same requirement applies to pre-existing roads.
2. Since the permit area polygons are not contiguous either with each other or with the haul road, please show on the map how each polygon will be accessed.
3. The map shows that part of the permit area is on land managed by the BLM. Please provide a copy of the agreement with the BLM that gives CDOT a legal Right of Entry to this land. This should be added to Exhibit G of the Permit Application Packet (see Rule 6.3.7)
4. Please also submit an updated version of the Reclamation Plan Map



The decision due date for TR-2 is November 13, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Simmons", with a stylized, cursive script.

Leigh Simmons
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