

November 10, 2023

Ms. Amber (Michels) Gibson
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Cortner Pit, Follow-up to inspection dated April 5, 2023

Dear Ms. Michels:

Please accept this letter as our written response to the items due 11/11/2023.

1) CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Operator shall submit an Acreage Reduction by the corrective action date.

RESPONSE: Please accept this letter as our request for an additional one-month extension to 12/11/23. We submitting a partial Acreage Reduction to correct the permit boundary issue that appears to have been a result of compounding errors. Once the tamarisk is removed, we will submit an additional Acreage Reduction.

2) CORRECTIVE ACTION: Operator shall implement the existing weed control plan and provide photo evidence to the Division.

RESPONSE: Please accept this letter as our request for an additional one-week extension to 11/18/23 so we can remove the tamarisk. The contractor is scheduled to be on site Wednesday and Thursday and then we can submit some photos to you.

Please let me know if anything additional is needed at this time (970) 407-3631.

Sincerely,

Julie Mikulas

Regional Land Manager

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