

January 5, 2024

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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RE: Pitch Project, Permit # M-1977-004, Homestake Mining Company Acreage Release Request (AR01)

Mr. Wykoff:

On January 5, 2024 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety concluded its review of the Acreage Release Request application submitted to the Division on August 11, 2023, addressing the following:

The affected lands included in this request for release of reclamation responsibility total 2,302.67 acres and 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.*

The decision reached by the Division is: **Approve**. In accordance with Rule 4.17.2(5), the Division is required to wait thirty (30) days from this notice to allow for appeal of the Division's decision. Once this period closes, if no appeal is submitted, the Division's decision will be final.

The permit area was reduced to 700.73 acres through this action. Because the permit is not totally released, you are still liable for filing annual reports and fees.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dustin Czapla", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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