

February 13, 2024

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## Re: Young Ranch Resources Quarry, Permit No. M-2021-009, Technical Revision No. 2 (TR-02) Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Langenfeld:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) has reviewed the content of your adequacy review response for TR-02 submitted on January 17, 2024. The decision date is set for February 16, 2024. After reviewing your response, the Division has further comments that need to be addressed before approval:

- 1. Based on the "Elk Winter Concentration Area & Range CPW Species Map," it seems that the Elk Winter High Concentration area overlaps with mining operations in Phases 2, 3, and 4. In accordance with the "CPW Recommendation to Avoid Impacts to Wildlife from Land Use Development in Colorado," are there any mitigation techniques, aside from the wildlife corridor, that will be implemented to offset the loss of functional habitat during those phases?
- 2. Please confirm if Colorado Parks and Wildlife has been contacted regarding this Wildlife Mitigation Plan update and if a copy of this plan has been sent to them. By rule, CPW does not need to be notified through the Technical Revision process and it will not affect approval of TR-02. However, the Division does recommend consulting with and notifying CPW of any updates to the Wildlife Mitigation Plan.

If you are unable to respond prior to the decision date, please request an extension to the decision date or the Division will need to deny the Technical Revision. If you require additional information or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone at (303) 866-3567, ext. 8147, or by email at joel.renfro@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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