

March 11, 2024

Fremont County Commissioners County Commissioner 615 Macon Avenue, Room B-5 Cañon City, CO 81212

RE: Thorson Mine, Permit No. M-1981-020, Notice of Request for Temporary Cessation TC-2, Second Period

**Dear County Commissioners:** 

This letter is to inform Counties and Municipalities within two miles of a mining operation of the intent of Operator to put their mining operation into a state of temporary cessation. This letter is sent pursuant to the requirement of Rule 1.13.6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Please be advised that on February 19, 2024, Indian Springs Ranch, LLP. whose address is 3257 CR 67 Penrose, CO 81240 filed a Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) for the site. The entrance to the mining operation is located approximately five miles northeast of Cañon City, in Township 18S, Range 69W, Section 8.

This second period of temporary cessation will be retroactive to February 24, 2022 and will last up to five years from that date until February 24, 2027. The notice submitted to the Division contains information pertaining to the reasons for cessation of the mining operation, a plan for resumption, and measures taken to comply with reclamation and other necessary activities related to the performance standards of Rule 3 of the Rules and Regulations in order to maintain the gravel pit in a non-producing or non-development state.

The Notice of Temporary Cessation will be placed on the monthly agenda of April 17-18, 2024 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board. During that meeting, the Board may consider acceptance of the notice so long as there are no issues with performance or reclamation standards via inspection, file review, and no concerns are expressed by interested persons who would be adversely affected or aggrieved.

<u>Please submit written comments regarding this matter to the Division by no later than 5:00pm, April 12, 2024.</u>

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 720-868-7757 or <a href="https://hunter.ridley@state.co.us">hunter.ridley@state.co.us</a>

Sincerely,

Hunter C. Ridley

**Environmental Protection Specialist** 

CC: Russ Means, DRMS

