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March 26, 2024

Dear Ms. Yeldell,

This letter is to request an extension for corrective actions due for the North of Douglas Pass Pit from the DRMS Inspection on 10/24/2023. Due to winter conditions CDOT Survey and Maintenance crews have not been able to access the site to complete the corrective actions. CDOT Survey and Maintenance propose that the survey and all corrective actions will be completed and documented by a deadline extension of June 1, 2024.

Our Maintenance personnel has visited the site and did an informal reconnaissance with the inspection form you provided. I have attached notes and photos from that site visit. CDOT understands that a formal survey is necessary to complete the corrective actions and our Survey Manager has put this on their list to have the survey completed by the end of April. The plan is to have Maintenance personnel present on site during the survey to replace the boundary markers in the correct locations and to determine if all disturbance were contained within the permit boundary or if land has been affected outside of the approved permit boundary. If disturbance is outside the boundary, this will be surveyed, and the information provided to the Department of Reclamation, Mining and Safety as part of the corrective action documentation.

Thank you for your consideration of this extension request and CDOT looks forward to working with you to resolve the corrective actions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Klaetsch





North Douglas pit

1 message

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Good Day Jennifer,

I was able to make it out to the red rock pit North Douglas Hwy 139 MM 47.4 this morning. I have attached some pictures that I numbered to hopefully get a better understanding of what needs to be done.

First is the post that is in the barricades is not a marker attached to it from where a fence was attached before it was removed on the highway. These barricades are about 50-75 feet away from the edge of the boundary.

Picture one that is attached is the 2 signs that are present at this pit. Is there any other that is needed? or should i just get them closer together?

Picture 2 is of the north most boundary in the bottom starting up the slope. The first switch back is the only part that I can tell that is outside of the boundary. There are no more markers that I could find on this side of the permit.

Picture 3 is the southernmost border along the cliff edge about 1/2 of the chip pile is out of bounds and some of the tailings. all tailings to the south that are not directly behind the chips are natural slides.

Pictures 4 and 5 are the southernmost border on the top looking south. There is a bowl that was dug out a long time ago outside of the boundary.. This used to be a BLM road at one point that has since moved when this pit was established. and looking at the tree growth from this i would estimate its been 20+ since it was disturbed.

I hope this helps. I was not able to find any markers along the Hwy side of the pit or the western most side. and only 3 near the bottom of the north side and only 2 on the south side. one up top and one in the bottom.

Thanks,

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