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M1978052 Howe Pit Release

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To: "Piede, Brad" <brad.piede@denverwater.org>, ryan.stitt@denverwater.org

Hi Brad.

I received the full acreage release request form for the Howe Pits. On the 2nd page of the application it looks like you provided the names and addresses for the adjacent landowners. Per Rule 4.17.1(2), you need to provide the names and addresses of the owners of record to the affected land, which is the land within the permit boundary. Please submit a revised application that lists only the affected land owners. The reason we ask for this information is that the Division sends out notices to the affected land owners, the County, and the local conservation district whenever a site is proposed for release.

Also, as we discussed on the phone, please let me know if you want to move forward with this release request or withdraw the application until you are able to fill the reservoir or conduct weed control around the drain area.

For your information, the rule that we are citing is Rule 3.1.10(6) which states that methods of weed control shall be employed for all prohibited noxious weed species, and whenever invasion of a reclaimed area by other weed species seriously threatens the continued development of the desired vegetation. Weed control methods shall also be used whenever the inhabitation of the reclaimed area by weeds threaten further spread of serious weed pests to nearby areas.

Additionally, for the reservoir slopes above the water line and the upland areas, Rule 3.1.10(1) describes how we evaluate the revegetation success or a release. "The land shall be revegetated in such a way as to establish a diverse, effective and long-lasting vegetative cover that is capable of self-regeneration without continued dependence on irrigation, amendments or fertilizer, and is at least equal in extent of cover to the natural vegetation of the surrounding area."

I hope this helps guide you in the next steps. Feel free to call me to discuss this further.

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