



COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

October 30, 2024

Rich Weber  
Weber Ranch  
436 County Road 3A  
Ridgway, CO 81432

**RE: Need for State Reclamation Permit, Weber Ranch (Potter Ranch), File No. M-2024-044**

Dear Mr. Weber,

On October 11, 2024 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your correspondence responding to the Division's inquiry, RE: "Is It Mining". The Division has assigned file number M-2024-044 to this project. Please display the file number on any correspondence regarding this specific project.

The information you provided along with observations made during the Division's inspection on September 25, 2024 indicates you use material generated from ditch cleaning and corral cleaning for field maintenance on the Weber Ranch. Material gathered has been generated, screened, and is proposed be used on the same parcel and adjacent parcels for field maintenance. No material is sold and is only used to support agriculture. The equipment used for the project consists of a dozer, backhoe and a screen. All material gathered and screened is to be used for ranch infrastructure maintenance.

Based on the information contained in the correspondence it is the Division's opinion that no reclamation permit will be required from this agency for either project at this time. However, other local, state, or federal permits may be required and it is recommended that you contact those agencies for further clarifications if you have questions. Please be advised that this opinion is being offered based on the information provided in your response. **Any significant deviation from the described activity, including removal for sale or trade of any excavated materials from its natural state could result in a review and possible reversal of this opinion.**

Please consider the following: if the Division receives different information or a written complaint regarding the proposed activities it is required by law to further investigate. If the investigation shows a possible violation of the Construction Materials Act and Rules an enforcement action would be initiated which could include civil penalties, a cease and desist order and obtaining a permit for the activities. If you have any questions, please contact me at (970) 433-8281.

Sincerely,

Travis Marshall  
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist  
cc: Russ Means, DRMS  
Lucas West, DRMS

