



December 9, 2024

Harry Colborn  
Badger Hole LLC  
10889 Co Rd 320  
Rifle, CO 81650

**RE: JOKER PLACER PROJECT, FILE NO. P-2024-015, BADGER HOLE LLC, NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT EXPLORATION OPERATIONS, DEFECIENCY REVIEW NO. 2**

Dear Harry Colborn:

On December 5, 2023, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and (Division) received your responses to our November 18, 2023 Notice of Incomplete Application letter and determined the application to be complete for the purpose of filing. The Division has reviewed the NOI application for deficiencies. Please address the following items:

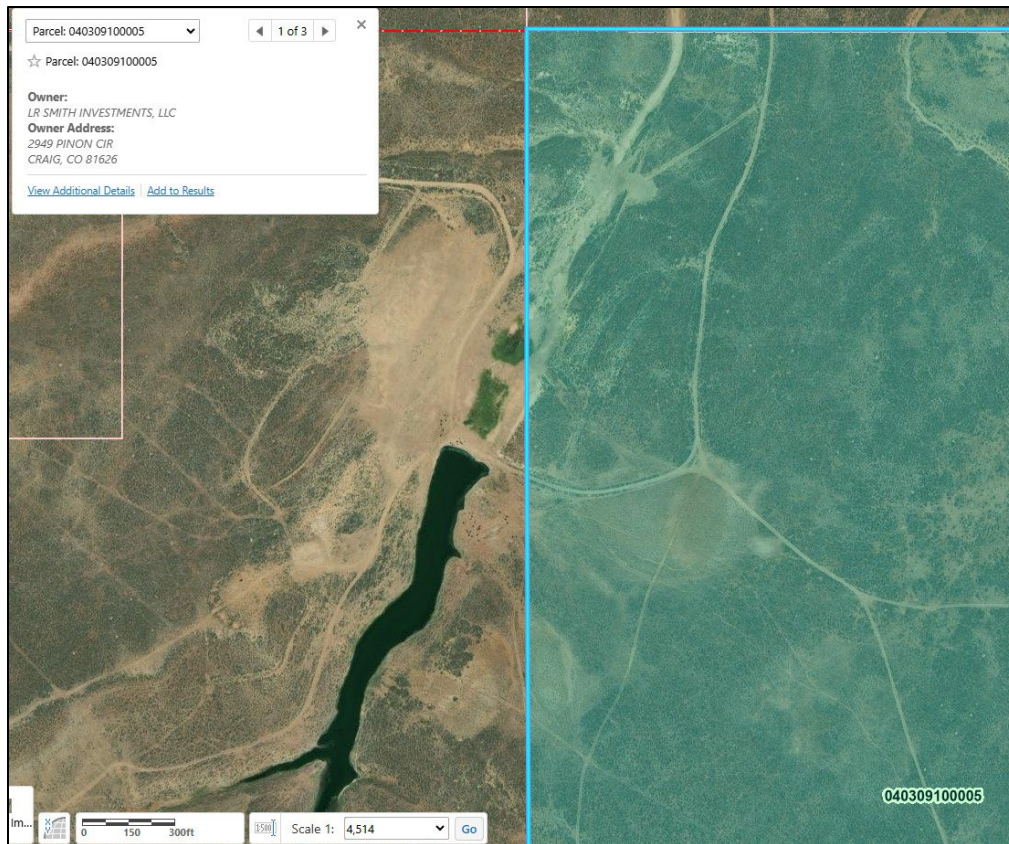
1. Please expand on the site's plan for settling ponds used for material processing. Where will these sediment ponds be located? (This location will need to be added to a site map). Will sediment ponds be reclaimed at the end of exploration? If so, What is their approximate size and depth?

**OR**

If, as discussed, Pond #2 (Reservoir #1) (as shown in the Addendum Water Sources Map) will serve as a sediment pond, please elaborate on how this reservoir will be reconstructed, how it will serve the exploration activities, any maintenance required on the pond, and if this structure will be reclaimed in any way.

2. Please explain what kind of structures, if any, will be required to install and or operate the water filtration system mentioned in Section 6(J).
3. Please provide a size in acreage for areas to be used for the trommel processing.
4. The claims maps provided with the application suggest that prospecting activities will take place entirely within BLM lands- with the addition of an ingress / egress agreement for Right of Entry onto L.R. Smith Investments LLC property to the west of the claim. The application also discusses the potential for reconstruction work to occur on Pond #2, shown in the Joker Project Equipment Exhibit. Should work on Pond #2 commence, the Moffat County Accessor records (Figure 1, below) would suggest that this construction would occur on land also owned by L.R. Smith Investments LLC to the east of the NOI site. Please provide proof of Right of Entry and permission to conduct activities on this portion of L.R. Smith Investments LLC property.





### **Financial Warranty:**

Please note the Division will estimate a cost to reclaim the site based on the application and your response to the review issues above. Please be reminded that the proposed prospecting operations identified in the application may not commence until the deficiencies are addressed and the bond is submitted and approved by the Division.

Please provide a written response to address the above deficiencies within 60 days of this notice (February 7, 2025) or the Division may deny the application.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 720-868-7757 or [hunter.ridley@state.co.us](mailto:hunter.ridley@state.co.us)

Sincerely,  
Hunter C. Ridley

Environmental Protection Specialist  
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