



**COLORADO**  
Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

January 2, 2025

H. Howard Cooper  
Three Crown Ranch LLC  
P.O. Box 774327  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

**RE: Shults Gravel Pit, Permit M-2000-073, Incomplete Application for Transfer of Mineral Permit and Succession of Operators, Revision SO-3**

Dear Mr. Cooper:

On December 23, 2024 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety received the Application Form for Transfer of Mineral Permit and Succession of Operators from Shults Ranch LLLP to Three Crown Ranch, LLC, for the Shults Gravel Pit, Permit M-2000-073. The following items are incomplete for the application to be processed:

Application Form

1. Incorrect application fee submitted. \$115 was submitted which is the Hard Rock fee amount. This is a Construction Materials site and the SO fee is \$144. Please submit the remaining \$29.
2. Please provide the original initials of the Due Diligence page 7

Performance Warranty

1. The Performance Warranty should be filled out by H. Howard Cooper of Three Crown Ranch LLC.

Legal Right of Enter

2. Please provide documentation that Three Crown Ranch LLC has legal right of entry.



## Structure Agreement

3. N/A

## Financial Warranty

4. No financial warranty was included. Conversations with Mr. Strate indicated that the \$9,172 cash bond currently held by the Division would be transferred to the new owners. Please note that The State doesn't allow for cash bonds to be transferred. In order to complete this SO, the state will need a W9 in Schults Ranch LLLP's name in order to refund the currently held cash bond and a new bond from Three Crown Ranch LLC.
5. Please complete and return an Affidavit of Authority for H. Howard Cooper of Three Crown Ranch LLC.

Please return the required documentation to the Division **before March 1, 2025**. All completed permit documents are required to be submitted for consideration of your Request for Transfer of Mineral Permit and Succession of Operators Application. An incomplete application may be denied after the 60 day submittal request, if requested documents or information are not received. In the event of any delay in your submittal or if you have any questions, please contact the Division.

Sincerely,



**Amy Yeldell**

Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc: Sara Stevenson-Benns, Financial Assurance Specialist, DRMS  
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