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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Good Shepherd Ranch Test Cores, File No. P-2024-013, Denial of Prospecting Notice of Intent.

Ms. Fenner,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has further reviewed your Notice of Intent to Prospect (NOI) submitted on October 15, 2024, and determined that the Division does not have primacy over the drilling project you proposed in your request submitted on October 15, 2024. Regulatory authority over Geothermal Resources is assigned to Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC). The Division cannot authorize this project due to it being outside of the scope and jurisdiction of the Division's Rules and Regulations. Therefore, your request for P-2024-013 is **denied**.

The ECMC has exclusive jurisdiction over Deep Geothermal Operations (C.R.S. 37-90.5-106(1)(b)(I)) and Deep Geothermal Operations include the *exploration for* and production of Allocated Geothermal Resources (See, C.R.S. 37-90.5-103(3)). Please contact ECMC for permitting and other requirements related to the exploration and development of Geothermal Resources.

All financial warranty documents provided to the Division will be returned under separate cover. If you have any questions regarding the financial warranty please contact the Division Financial Warranty Specialist, Sara Stevenson-Benn, at sara.stevenson-benn@state.co.us.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at travis.marshall@state.co.us or (970) 433-8281.

Sincerely,

Travis Marshall
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cc: Russ Means, DRMS Minerals Program Director
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