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Ellis Land Services - La Jara Gravel Quarry Exploration Question

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Hello Ryan,

Thank you for providing this information, it was very helpful. It appears that you will be hand digging about six test holes less than two feet deep on State Land Board land located southwest of La Jara, Colorado in Conejos County. The lease application you provided indicates that no access roads will be constructed, and that pickup trucks will access the site on existing roads. The land to be disturbed is less than 20 square feet. The test holes are proposed to be backfilled on the same day they are excavated, topsoil is to be replaced, and the disturbed area seeded. Also provided was a signed lease with the State Land Board.

Given the scope of the project, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) agrees that your project does not meet the statutory definition of Exploration based on the exceptions noted in C.R.S. 34-32.5-103(9). Therefore, you do not need to obtain a Notice of Intent to conduct Exploration (NOI) from DRMS currently. However, if the scope of the project should change, please reach out to DRMS to determine if an NOI or a Reclamation Permit would be required.

Chris Girardi, with DRMS is the Environmental Protection Specialist assigned to Conejos County. Chris is copied to this email. As you develop your 112c application please feel free to reach out to Chris or me should you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jared

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