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Subject: Request to Include Additional Revision in Pending Technical Review – Donley Quarry Permit No. 10MO1892.

Dear Division Staff,

Montrose County respectfully requests that the following additional change be incorporated into the pending Technical Review for the Donley Quarry:

"Reclamation to be completed with materials available within the permit area. This would typically be cut and fill of the highwall slopes to reach the 2H:1V grade."

This revision reflects Montrose County's intent to utilize onsite materials for final reclamation, promoting efficient use of existing resources while achieving stable, revegetation-ready slopes consistent with approved reclamation standards.

We appreciate your consideration and request that this change be formally included as part of the ongoing Technical Review process. Please let us know if any further documentation or clarification is required

Sincerely,

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Donley Quarry – Reclamation Plan Narrative

Permit No.: 10MO1892F

Operator: Montrose County Road & Bridge

Overview:

The Donley Quarry, operated by Montrose County Road & Bridge, is an active aggregate source utilized for county road construction and maintenance projects. This narrative outlines the proposed reclamation plan revision, which prioritizes sustainable and site-specific methods for final landform restoration upon cessation of mining activities.

Reclamation Objective:

The goal of reclamation is to restore the site to a stable, non-hazardous condition that blends with the surrounding landscape and supports future land use in accordance with county and state guidelines.

Proposed Revision:

The current reclamation plan includes language indicating:

“Backfill will be imported from other Montrose County projects as needed to provide adequate quantity.”

Montrose County requests to revise this language to:

“Reclamation to be completed with materials available within the permit area. This would typically be cut and fill of the highwall slopes to reach the 2H:1V grade.”

Methodology:

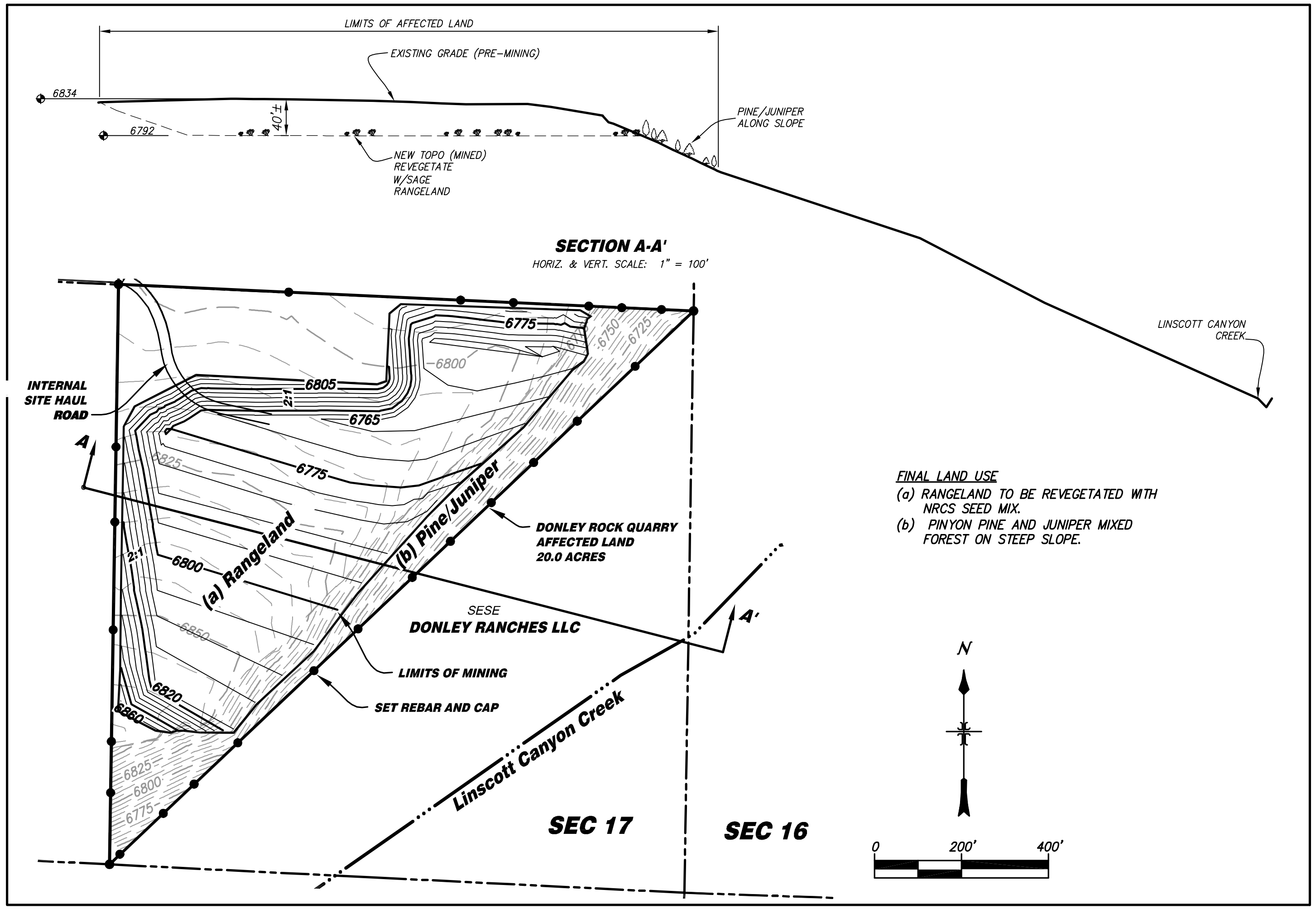
Reclamation will be accomplished through a balanced cut-and-fill approach using material already present within the permit area. Excess material from upper benches, overburden stockpiles, or other internal sources will be used to reshape and soften highwall slopes. The final slope grade will target a 2H:1V ratio, considered stable for long-term erosion control and revegetation success.

No offsite material will be required, which reduces the environmental impact and cost associated with hauling and importing fill. This approach allows for practical restoration while maintaining environmental stewardship and compliance with DRMS standards.

Revegetation:

Once final grading is complete, disturbed areas will be seeded with an approved native seed mix tailored to local soil conditions and ecological zones. Mulch and erosion control practices will be employed as necessary to ensure seed establishment and minimize sediment loss.

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MONTROSE COUNTY
DONLEY ROCK QUARRY PERMIT
EXHIBIT F RECLAMATION MAP

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