



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

April 30, 2025

Ty Stogsdill
Lincoln County
103 3RD AVE LAND USE OFFICE
Po Box 39
HUGO, CO 80821--200

Re: Smith Ranch Pit No 2 - File No. M-1988-022
Lincoln County
Surety Release Request (SL-2)
Full/Final Release Request

Dear Ty Stogsdill:

On April 30, 2025 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety concluded its review of the Surety Release Request application submitted to the Division on April 14, 2025, addressing the following:

This is a request by Lincoln County for a full release of the Smith Ranch Pit No. 2, a 4 acre 110c aggregate operation located in Lincoln County, CO.

The decision reached by the Division is: Approve.

I am pleased to inform you that the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety has determined that Lincoln County is eligible for release from further responsibility for the Smith Ranch Pit No 2. In accordance with Rule 4.17.2(5), the Division is required to wait thirty (30) days from this notice to allow for appeal of the Division's decision. Once this period closes, if no appeal is submitted the Division will issue the final decision on the release request in writing and the Performance Warranty and Financial Warrant(ies) on file will be returned in separate correspondence from the Division.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board and the Division staff wish to commend Lincoln County for your reclamation efforts and the resulting success.



If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (720) 793-2988, or by email at Ben.hammar@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Hammar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ben" and last name "Hammar" clearly distinguishable.

Ben E. Hammar
Environmental Protection Specialist

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