

May 14, 2025

James McCormick  
McCormick Excavation & Paving, LLC  
30887 HWY 24  
Stratton, CO 80836

**Re: Rudder Pit, Permit No. M-2019-008, Succession Denial, Revision No. SO-1**

Dear Mr. McCormick:

On May 14, 2025, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety denied the succession of operators from McCormick Excavation & Paving, LLC to Rudder Brother, LLC for this operation. McCormick Excavation & Paving, LLC is still responsible for all aspects of this operation.

As a reminder:

1. All of the application materials, as amended and supplemented, are an integral part of your permit. They have been incorporated into the permit by reference. We presume that you have a copy of all of these materials; therefore, none have been enclosed with this mailing. We suggest that you keep a copy of the permit and the permit application at the mining operation as a reference for operating personnel, to help ensure compliance with the terms of the permit.
2. Changes in the mining and reclamation operations that differ from those described in the permit may require a modification to the permit. We suggest consulting the Rules and Regulations and/or contacting us to determine if a modification to the permit is necessary. Rule 1.10 pertains to Amendments, Rule 1.9 to Technical Revisions, and Rule 1.11 to Conversions.
3. On your permit anniversary date each year, you must submit an annual fee and annual report to us. Please consult the Rules, Act, and your permit for specific requirements.

The estimated liability amount of \$0.00 for the Rudder Pit, when added to the existing liability amount of \$0.00, exceeds the performance bond held. If you have not already done so, please submit additional bond in the amount of \$0.00. If bond increased, this needs to be sent certified.

**YOU HAVE 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS LETTER TO POST THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.**

If you have any questions, contact me.

Sincerely,

Ben E. Hammar  
Environmental Protection Specialist

CERTIFIED MAIL NO.  
Return Receipt Requested

