



August 6, 2025

Willard Wells
Consolidated Holdings, Co.
P.O. Box 1
Cripple Creek, CO 80813

Re: Yellow Pine Mine, File No. P-2025-013, Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations, Notice of Deficiency

Dear Mr. Wells,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced application in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern shall be adequately addressed before a decision can be rendered.

Section III: Project Description

1. Section III, Item 3 states that only 34 cubic yards of material will be removed from the shaft, which is consistent throughout the application, however the diagram of the shaft shows a cutout on the side of the culvert to work from the side, implying that more material will be extracted from the shaft as a result of prospecting operations. Please provide an estimate of the material to be removed after construction in addition to the 34 CY.
2. Section III, Item 6, H lists the total project area to be disturbed as 1600 Sq. Ft., however the location information identifies 6.18 Acres. Please clarify if the entire 6.18 Acres is intended to be included in the prospecting operation, or if the 1600 Sq Ft. is the only disturbance contemplated at this time.
3. Section III, Item 6, K identifies that no surface water is involved, however the site is located approximately 100 feet from a seasonal stream. Given the location, and the fact that the proposed shaft will be excavated 25' below the surface, please provide a hydrologic demonstration that the shaft will not encounter groundwater. Groundwater elevations can be gathered from nearby wells, geologic data, etc.

Section IV: Operation and Reclamation Measures

4. Section IV, Question 5 identifies that the shaft will remain in place with a secure locked lid. This is acceptable because the shaft is located on what amounts to private property, however please provide more details on the construction of the locking closure to ensure it is safe and secure. Examples of closure types can be found in the General Bid Specifications book used by the Inactive Mines Reclamation Program (IMRP).

Notice Requirements

5. Pursuant to Rule 5.1.2 (m) the applicant is required to provide notice to the local Boards of County Commissioners in the counties where the proposed prospecting activities occur and no proof of notice



was provided. Please provide a proof of notice to the Lake County Board of County Commissioners. If the notice was not sent, please send the notice, via certified mail or another form of trackable delivery and provide that information to the Division.

Please submit your responses to the above listed issues by Friday August 15, 2025 in order to allow sufficient time for review. Written responses should be received by the Division no later than Friday August 15, 2025. If you require additional time please submit a written Extension Request to the Office. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 303-919-2997 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

CC: Travis Marshall, DRMS