



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

August 12, 2025

Jeff Schimel
Crystal Creek Minerals, LLC
2521 Ryan Place Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

**Re: Notice of Filing Deficiencies, 110(1) Hardrock Reclamation Permit Application
JJ Collecting Project #2 (Redemption), File No. M-2025-038**

Dear Mr. Schimel,

On July 23, 2025, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your Hardrock Limited Impact Operation 110(1) Reclamation Permit Application for the proposed JJ Collecting Project #2 (Redemption) operation in Park County and assigned it File No. M-2025-038. Pursuant to Rule 1.4.1(8), the Division has determined the application contains deficiencies which prevent the application from being considered filed. Please respond to this Notice of Filing Deficiencies with the requested information and summarize each response to the numbered items below, in a cover letter titled "Response to Notice of Filing Deficiencies, M-2025-038".

APPLICATION FORM and GENERAL APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The Applicant/Operator is identified as Jeff Schimel and Crystal Creek Minerals, LLC interchangeably within the application materials. As discussed with Jeff Schimel on August 12, 2025, the intended Applicant/Operator is Crystal Creek Minerals, LLC which matches the Operator (aka Permittee) of JJ Collecting Project #1 Permit No. M-2018-064. Please update the application accordingly; including but not limited to Page 1 – Question 1, Page 2 – Question 9 (*Company Name*), and all of the permit maps.
2. Responsibility #10 (Page 6) was initialed however, the Applicant/Operator appears to not be a Joint Venture or Partnership. Please revise Page 6 accordingly.
3. Page 7, the Application's Certification, contains two errors which need to be corrected. Similar to Item #1, please update the Applicant/Operator to Crystal Creek Minerals, LLC. Additionally, the notary acknowledgement is missing the year for the date of signature. Please re-execute a corrected Page 7 and resubmit it for the Division's review.
4. Photographs of the on-site notice and an affidavit of posting were provided with the application materials, however, please provide either a copy of the on-site notice or a larger/higher-quality photograph so the Division is able to review the posted on-site notice for compliance with the Rules.

EXHIBIT G – Source of Legal Right-to-Enter (Rule 6.3.7):

5. Rule 6.3.7 requires documentation to be submitted regarding the Applicant's legal right to enter to conduct mining and reclamation for the surface and subsurface of the affected lands.
 - A. Within Exhibit G, the Applicant states the owner of the surface is the United States Forest Service and provided a June 13, 2023, letter indicating the Jeff Schimel's Mine Plan of Operations (MPO) is complete for review. Please provide a copy of the conditionally approved or approved MPO from the USFS which



covers the proposed permitted areas to serve as the surface legal right to enter documentation for the DRMS permit. Furthermore, please provide documentation that the Forest Service is aware that the Applicant/Operator for the associated DRMS permit is Crystal Creek Minerals, LLC as their letter states the Operator is Jeff Schimel.

- B.** Within Exhibit G, for the subsurface, the Applicant provides Right of Entry agreements between Crystal Creek Minerals, LLC and: (1) Jeff Schimel for *Redemption 1* lode claim CMC 290400, *Redemption 2* lode claim CMC290401, and *Redemption 3* lode claim CMC 290585; and (2) Chris Schimel for *Crystal Road* lode claim CO105786259. Please provide documentation which demonstrates Jeff Schimel and Chris Schimel are the active claimants of the proposed permitted areas.

EXHIBIT I – Proof of Filing with County Clerk (Rule 6.3.9):

6. For Exhibit I, the Applicant provided a receipt of certified mailing as proof of filing with the County Clerk and Recorder. In accordance with Rule 6.3.9, please submit an affidavit or receipt indicating the date on which the application was placed with the local County Clerk and Recorder for public review. Rather than a return receipt (aka green signature card) like Exhibit J, this is typically submitted as an affidavit from the County Clerk indicating the application package has been received and put on display for public review. Please provide proof that the original permit application materials are on display at the local County Clerk and Recorder.
7. In accordance with Rule 6.3.9, please submit proof that the revisions associated with this letter have also been placed for public review with the original application at the local County Clerk and Recorder.

EXHIBIT J – Proof of Mailing Notices to Board of County Commissioners and Conservation District (Rule 6.3.10):

8. For Exhibit J, the Applicant provided receipts of certified mailing as proof of noticing the local Board of County Commissions and the Soil Conservation District. In accordance with Rule 1.6.2 (1)(a)(ii), please submit Proof of Notice in the form of certified mail return receipts (aka green signature card), e-receipts, or date-stamped copies of the notices acknowledging receipt by the local Board of County Commissions and the Soil Conservation District.

The Crystal Creek Minerals, LLC application will not be considered filed until the information listed above is received and found sufficient to begin our review. A decision date will then be established 30 days from the date of receipt and acceptance of all of the requested information. Please note, if you have already published notice you will need to republish notice, but only after the Division considers the application filed; the Division will notify you when you should initiate publication of your notice. This notice must be published once within 10 days of the date your application is considered filed. The final date for receiving comments is the 10th day after the publication or the next regular business day.

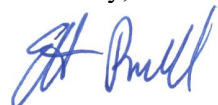
Pursuant to Rule 1.4.1(8), you have 60 days to submit all necessary documents that the Division needs for an application to be considered filed. If, at the end of the sixty-day period, the application has not been determined to be filed with the Division, the Division may deny the application and terminate the application. **The response to this Notice of Filing Deficiencies is due on or before October 6, 2025.**

This letter shall not be interpreted as that there are no other deficiency or adequacy requirements in your application. The Division will review your application to determine whether it is adequate to meet the requirements of the Act and Rules after the submittal of all required items.

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If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (303) 903-4456 or Elliott.Russell@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Russell", is positioned above the printed name.

Elliott R. Russell
Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Zach Trujillo, DRMS