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## Coyote Basin Notice

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**Cummings, Thomas F** <tcummings@blm.gov>  
To: Hunter Ridley - DNR <hunter.ridley@state.co.us>

Wed, Aug 20, 2025 at 8:39 AM

Hi Hunter,

Forwarding along the letter being sent out today acknowledging Homeland/Shift Exploration's notice. The financial guarantee amount will be \$61,658.

Let me know if you need anything from me.

**Tom Cummings**  
Geologist  
Bureau of Land Management  
White River Field Office  
Office: (970) 878-3819



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# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
White River Field Office  
220 East Market Street  
Meeker, Colorado 81641



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BLM Case File Number  
COCO106741281

Project  
Coyote Basin Project

Operator  
Shift Exploration Inc.  
Attn: Nancy Normore  
503-905 West Pender Street  
Vancouver, BC V6C 1L6

Location  
T3N, R97W, Sec. 9, 15, 17, 22, 27  
6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian

## NOTICE ACKNOWLEDGED DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AMOUNT

Ms. Normore:

The Shift Exploration Inc. Notice to conduct exploration activities in Rio Blanco and Moffat County, CO was received in this office on July 07, 2025. The Notice has been assigned Bureau of Land Management (BLM) case file number COCO106741281. Please refer to this number in future correspondence concerning this operation. A final Notice was submitted by the operator on August 18, 2025, incorporating changes to proposed operations based on information requests and conversations with BLM. Proposed activities include exploration drilling and trenching with associated pads and laydown areas, access will be through a combination of existing roads and overland travel. Exploration activities are proposed to disturb a total of 4.78 acres. No occupancy has been requested under 43 CFR 3715.

The BLM has reviewed your Notice and determined it is complete, containing all the information required by the surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809.301. The BLM has reviewed the proposed operation and determined it is adequate to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation as defined by 43 CFR 3809.5.

Please be advised that any improvement (blading, widening, etc.) to existing two-track roads will constitute the construction of that road, and complete reclamation will be required.

Amount of Financial Guarantee – This office has reviewed Shift Exploration Inc.’s reclamation cost estimate and determined that the amount of **\$61,658** is sufficient to meet all anticipated reclamation requirements. The amount of the reclamation cost estimate is based on the operator complying with all applicable operating and reclamation requirements as outlined in the Notice and the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.420.

Line items in the approved reclamation cost estimate are not to be considered as the limits of the reclamation expenditures should forfeiture of the financial guarantee be necessary. The line items listed are solely for the purpose of arriving at a total amount of the financial guarantee. This amount may be spent as the BLM deems necessary to implement the approved reclamation plan. The financial guarantee amount does not represent reclamation liability limits or constraints should the actual cost of reclamation exceed this amount.

Required Financial Guarantee – The financial guarantee in the amount of **\$61,658** must be submitted and accepted by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, & Safety (CODRMS) at Room 215, 1001 E 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Denver, CO 80216. You must receive written notification from that office accepting and obligating your financial guarantee and you must then notify BLM that your financial guarantee has been accepted before you begin any surface disturbing operations.

The type of instruments that are acceptable to the BLM for financial guarantees are found at 43 CFR 3809.555. Please contact CODRMS at (303) 866-3567 for forms and further information regarding acceptable financial guarantee.

The BLM’s review of your proposed operations, determination that your Notice is complete, finding that the activity will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation and decision concerning the amount of the financial guarantee does not relieve you, the operator of the responsibility to comply with all applicable Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements. You are responsible for preventing any unnecessary or undue degradation and for reclaiming all lands disturbed by your operations.

This decision does not constitute certification of ownership to any entity named in the Notice, recognition of the validity of any associated mining claims, or recognition of the economic feasibility of the proposed operations.

Term of Notice - Your Notice will remain in effect for 2 years from the date of this decision, unless you notify this office beforehand that operations have ceased, and reclamation is complete. If you wish to conduct operations for another 2 years after the expiration date of your Notice, you must notify this office in writing on or before the expiration date as required by 43 CFR 3809.333. You will also have to submit an updated reclamation cost estimate at that time.

This acknowledgment does not relieve the operator of the following:

1. Prevention of unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands and resources. As part of that, the following site management practices shall be used when on public lands.
  - a. No hazardous or toxic waste, waste oil or lubricants shall be disposed of on public lands. Trash and other debris should be contained on the work site and then hauled to an approved landfill.
  - b. Burial and/or burning of trash and other debris are not authorized without specific permits from BLM and other appropriate agencies.
  - c. Operator shall be responsible for having a spill prevention and cleanup plan. Operator shall also provide adequate on-site spill control and cleanup materials and instruct on-site personnel in spill prevention and cleanup methods.
  - d. Any oil, noxious fluids, fuels, or chemicals spilled onto the ground or water shall be cleaned up immediately. After clean up, the oil, noxious fluids, fuels, or chemicals and any contaminated material shall be removed from the site and disposed of at an approved disposal facility.
2. Reclamation of lands disturbed by the proposed operations.
3. Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations; obtaining all appropriate federal, state, and local authorizations and permits.
4. Under 43 CFR 3715.0-5, occupancy on public lands longer than 14 days in any 90-day period within a 25-mile radius of the initially occupied site, construction, or maintenance of temporary or permanent structures, or constructing fences or barriers to access; for purposes of conducting activities under the Mining Law does not qualify as casual use. Occupancies must be authorized by the District/Field Manager under the Use and Occupancy Regulations at 43 CFR 3715.
5. When cultural or paleontological resources, including but not limited to historic ruins, historic mine workings, historic trash dumps, prehistoric artifacts, and fossils, are discovered during the proposed operations the resources shall be left intact and immediately brought to the attention of the BLM authorized officer.
6. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g) the holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), you must stop activities in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and protect it from your activities for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the authorized officer.

7. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibits the destruction of nests (nests with eggs or young) of migratory birds. In order to avoid potential impacts to breeding migratory birds, a careful visual inspection of habitat in the project area should be made prior to any surface disturbance (including cross-country routes) during the avian breeding season (May 15<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup>). Nesting activities may include eggs or young present in nest, adult behavioral displays (e.g. dive-bombing, faking injury, won't leave the area, agitated calling, etc.). If active nests are located, they should be avoided by an appropriate distance to prevent destruction of the nest and disturbance of the nesting birds, and a BLM biologist should be notified immediately.
8. Activities are proposed in winter habitat for big game species. If activities are to take place during winter months care should be taken to avoid disturbing and displacing these animals.
9. Activities are proposed in important habitat for greater sage-grouse. If possible, surface disturbing activities should be avoided between March 1<sup>st</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>.
10. Activities are proposed in important habitat for white-tailed prairie dog. If possible, surface disturbing activities should be avoided between March 1<sup>st</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>.
11. The operator shall be responsible for controlling all noxious weeds and other undesirable invading plant species in the reclaimed area until revegetation activities have been determined to be successful by the BLM authorized officer. The operator is responsible for contacting the BLM for concurrence with any proposed weed control program prior to application of any chemical treatments for weeds on public lands.
12. All drill holes shall be abandoned according to State of Colorado regulations. All sample bags and supplies should be removed from the drill site and public land within 14 days of completing a drill hole.
13. The following best site management precautionary measures should be taken to prevent wildland fires. In the event your operations should start a fire, you could be held liable for all suppression costs under Title 43 CFR 9212.4. These are in addition to any requirements imposed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration or other governing agencies for work-area fire protection.
  - a. All vehicles should carry at a minimum a shovel and five gallons of water (preferably in a backpack pump), in addition to a conventional fire extinguisher.
  - b. Adequate firefighting equipment (a shovel, a pulaski, standard fire extinguisher(s), and an ample water supply) should be kept readily available at each active drill site.
  - c. Vehicle catalytic converters should be inspected often and cleaned of all flammable debris.

- d. All cutting/welding torch use, electric-arc welding, and grinding operations should be conducted in an area free, or mostly free, from vegetation. An ample water supply and shovel should be on hand to extinguish any fires created from sparks. At least one person in addition to the cutter/welder/grinder should be at the work site to promptly detect fires created by sparks.
- e. Any fire restrictions or closures issued by the Northwest District Office will be publicized in the local media, and notice will be posted at various sites throughout the district. **We will not individually contact operators.** Your notice serves as an authorization that may exempt your operations from certain restrictions in those orders. Your personnel will be responsible for being aware of and complying with the requirements of those orders.
- f. Any wildland fire observed should be reported immediately to the Craig Interagency Dispatch Center at (970) 295-6800.

#### Appeal of a Decision under 43 CFR Subpart 3809

If you are adversely affected by this decision, you may request State Director review of this decision. If you request State Director review, the request must be received in the BLM Colorado State Office at:

**Bureau of Land Management  
Colorado State Office  
State Director  
PO Box 151029  
Lakewood, Colorado, 80215**

no later than 30 calendar days after you receive or are notified of this decision. The request for State Director review must be filed in accordance with the provisions in 43 CFR 3809.805. This decision will remain in effect while the State Director review is pending unless you request and obtain a stay from the State Director. If you request a stay with the State Director, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted using the standards and procedures for obtaining a stay from the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA).

If the State Director does not make a decision on your request for review of this decision within 21 days of receipt of the request, you should consider the request declined and you may appeal this decision to the IBLA. You may contact the BLM Colorado State Office to determine when the BLM received the request for State Director Review. You have 30 days from the end of the 21-day period in which to file your Notice of Appeal with the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR Part 4. Under 43 CFR 3809.801(a)(1).

If you wish to bypass a State Director Review, this decision may be appealed directly to the IBLA in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. The notice of appeal must be filed no later than 30 days after the date of receiving notice of this decision. Any notice of

appeal must be filed with the IBLA and must include a copy of the decision being appealed, a statement of standing, and a statement of timeliness.

If you wish to file a petition for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must show sufficient justification based on the following criteria at 43 CFR 4.405(b). You must serve a copy of the notice of appeal and any accompanying documents on the office of the officer who made the decision, each person or entity named in the decision, and the appropriate Office of the Solicitor at the time of filing with IBLA (see 43 CFR 4.403(b); 4.407(b)). Parties must serve the Office of the Solicitor at the address shown on Form 1842-1. Service on a party known to be represented by an attorney or other designated representative must be made on the representative. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice of appeal, it must be filed within 30 days after the record on appeal is filed with the IBLA. Failure to file a statement of reasons within the time required will subject the challenged decision to summary affirmance (see 43 CFR 4.412(a)).

#### Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Cummings at (970) 878-3819, by email at [tcummings@blm.gov](mailto:tcummings@blm.gov), or at the above address.



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William Mills  
Field Manager  
White River Field Office

ecc: Nancy Normore  
Shift Exploration Inc.  
Vancouver, BC

Daniel Warren  
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP  
San Francisco, CA

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

AUG 20 2025

**INFORMATION ON APPEALING TO THE INTERIOR BOARD OF LAND APPEALS**

IF YOU APPEAL, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THEM MAY SUBJECT THE APPEAL TO DISMISSAL OR SUMMARY AFFIRMANCE (see 43 CFR 4.412(a)).

<b>1. WHAT TO FILE</b>	<p><i>Notice of Appeal:</i> You must file a notice of appeal if you wish to appeal a decision.</p> <p><i>Decision Being Appealed:</i> You must include a copy of the decision from which you are appealing.</p> <p><i>Statement of Standing:</i> You must show that you are a party to the case who is adversely affected by the decision.</p> <p><i>Statement of Timeliness:</i> You must include a statement and any corroborating documentation that provides the date when you received notice of the decision.</p> <p><i>Petition for a Stay:</i> Except where program-specific regulations place this decision in full force and effect or provide for an automatic stay, the decision becomes effective upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing an appeal unless a petition for a stay is timely filed together with the Notice of Appeal. You must show that you meet the criteria for a stay. (43 CFR 4.405(b))</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> After July 21, 2025, appellants who are represented by an attorney must use IBLA's electronic filing system, Bison File and Serve. Appellants who are not represented by an attorney may file an appeal by Bison File and Serve, hand delivery, mail, or commercial carrier. To file your appeal you must include the Notice of Appeal, Statement of Standing, Statement of Timeliness, and a Petition for a stay, if applicable. Each document must be separately filed.</p>
<b>2. WHEN TO FILE</b>	<p>You must file a Notice of Appeal no later than 30 days after the date of receiving notice of the decision.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> This appeal timeframe cannot be extended.</p>
<b>3. WHERE TO FILE</b>	<p>The documents listed in section 1 above must be filed with Interior Board of Land Appeals (the Board). (43 CFR 4.403(b)(1))</p> <p><i>Electronic Filing:</i> Attorneys representing a person or entity and any Federal, State, or local agency, must file electronically; non-attorneys may file electronically and are strongly encouraged to do so. A link to the electronic filing system known as Bison File and Serve is located on the Board's website. Refer to the OHA Standing Orders on Electronic Transmission found</p>



	<p>at the Department of the interior OHA website at <a href="https://www.doi.gov/oha">https://www.doi.gov/oha</a> for more information about electronic filing.</p> <p><i>Non-Electronic Filing:</i> Any document filed by mail must be delivered to the Board at the address specified in the <i>Standing Order on Addresses and Contact Information</i>.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Filing documents by email is not permitted.</p>
<b>4. WHERE TO SEND COPIES (SERVICE)</b>	<p>You must provide copies, also known as service, of your Notice of Appeal and accompanying documents to certain entities at the same time you file them with the Board. You must provide copies of all documents listed in paragraph 1 to the following entities (43 CFR 4.407(b)):</p> <p><b>BLM Office that issued the decision:</b>  William Mills - Field Manager  Bureau of Land Management  White River Field Office  220 East Market Street Meeker, CO 81641</p> <p><b>Proper Office of the Solicitor:</b>  U.S. Department of the Interior  Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region  755 Parfet Street, Suite 151  Lakewood, CO 80215</p> <p><b>Name(s), contact information of any person/entity named in the decision:</b>  Shift Exploration Inc.  Attn: Nancy Normore  503-905 West Pender Street  Vancouver, BC V6C 1L6</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> You may serve copies of your Notice of Appeal and accompanying documents electronically or non-electronically. For electronic service, refer to the OHA Standing Orders on Electronic Transmission. For non-electronic service, documents should be sent to the required parties by United States mail or commercial courier for delivery within 3 days. Nonelectronic filers must consult the <i>Standing Order on Addresses and Contact Information</i>, located on the Board's website, for information about where to serve your copies.</p>
<b>5. STATEMENT OF REASONS</b>	<p>You must file a statement of reasons that sets forth, with specificity, all legal or factual errors you allege BLM made in the decision being appealed. If not already included in the Notice of Appeal, you must file a statement of reasons no later than 30 days after BLM files the record on appeal with the Board, unless an extension is sought and received.</p>
<b>6. PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS</b>	<p>The procedural regulations governing your appeal are located at 43 C.F.R. Part 4, subpart E and are available on the Board's website. The standing orders governing your appeal are available on the Board's website. See also, the Board's Standing Order on Electronic Transmission at <a href="https://www.doi.gov/oha/oha-standing-orders">https://www.doi.gov/oha/oha-standing-orders</a></p>

**7. THE BOARD'S WEBSITE**

The Board's website is located at <https://www.doi.gov/oha/about-interior-board-land-appeals>.

**43 CFR SUBPART 1821-GENERAL INFORMATION**

Sec. 1821.10 Where are BLM offices located? (a) In addition to the Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C. and seven national level support and service centers, BLM operates 12 State Offices each having several subsidiary offices called Field Offices. The addresses of the State Offices can be found in the most recent edition of 43 CFR 1821.10. The State Office geographical areas of jurisdiction are as follows. BLM is allowing electronic service to each of the following states at the included email address:

**STATE OFFICES AND AREAS OF JURISDICTION:**

Alaska State Office ----- Alaska; [BLM\\_AK\\_APPEALS@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_AK_APPEALS@BLM.GOV)  
Arizona State Office ----- Arizona; [BLM\\_AZ-APPEALS\\_OHA@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_AZ-APPEALS_OHA@BLM.GOV)  
California State Office ----- California; [BLM\\_CA\\_Web\\_SO@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_CA_Web_SO@BLM.GOV)  
Colorado State Office ----- Colorado; [BLM\\_CO\\_APPEALS@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_CO_APPEALS@BLM.GOV)  
Eastern States Office ----- Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, and all States east of the Mississippi River; [BLM\\_ES\\_APPEALS@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_ES_APPEALS@BLM.GOV)  
Idaho State Office ----- Idaho; [BLM\\_ID\\_LITSPEC@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_ID_LITSPEC@BLM.GOV)  
Montana State Office ----- Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota;  
[BLM\\_MT\\_OHA@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_MT_OHA@BLM.GOV)  
Nevada State Office----- Nevada; [BLM\\_NV\\_APPEALS@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_NV_APPEALS@BLM.GOV)  
New Mexico State Office ----- New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas;  
[BLM\\_NM\\_LITIGATION@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_NM_LITIGATION@BLM.GOV)  
Oregon State Office ----- Oregon and Washington; [BLM\\_OR\\_APPEALS@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_OR_APPEALS@BLM.GOV)  
Utah State Office ----- Utah; [BLM\\_UT\\_APPEALS@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_UT_APPEALS@BLM.GOV)  
Wyoming State Office ----- Wyoming and Nebraska; [BLM\\_WY\\_WY910\\_LITIGATION@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_WY_WY910_LITIGATION@BLM.GOV)

(b) A list of the names, addresses, and geographical areas of jurisdiction of all Field Offices of the Bureau of Land Management can be obtained at the above addresses or any office of the Bureau of Land Management