



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

August 28, 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 2

Dear Mr. Wells,

On August 25, 2025 The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your responses to the Notice of Deficiency dated August 8, 2025. 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.

1. In response to item #1 of the Division's review, it is stated that approximately 100 lbs per week of material will be brought to the surface and removed from the property, with activity taking place no more than 5 months out of the year. Prospecting is defined as the act of searching for or investigating a mineral deposit. Extracting 100lbs/week seems to be more in line with a small mining operation rather than prospecting. Please provide more information regarding the nature of the activity, and if it is indeed prospecting or better described as small scale mining. Please note that if the activity is not prospecting in nature, a different permit type may be required.

Please submit your responses to the above listed issue by Tuesday September 2, 2025 in order to allow sufficient time for review. Please note that the Decision Date for the application is Wednesday September 3, 2025. To allow sufficient time to review, as well as performing the Reclamation Cost Estimate and posting of the financial warranty, please provide the Division with a Decision Date Extension Request of at least thirty (30) days. 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,

Lucas West
Environmental Protection Specialist
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

CC: Travis Marshall, DRMS

