

September 15, 2025

Grady Ely Ely Ranch, LLC 74475 CR 129 Slater, CO 81653

RE: Flying Triangle Ranch Pit, Permit No. M-2008-018; Technical Revision (TR-1) Reclamation Plan & Seed Mix Change, Adequacy Review #1

Dear Mr. Ely,

On September 11, 2025 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) filed your Technical Revision request (TR-1) for the Flying Triangle Ranch Pit, Permit No. M-2008-018. During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern need to be adequately addressed before the Technical Revision can be considered for approval. Please provide the following:

- 1. It is the Division's understanding that the Operator proposes to have some berms / material piles that are currently in place at the site to remain as such in final reclamation, predominately for wind protection for cattle and nearby structures. Some of these berms are simply overburden material while some are made of topsoil. Please confirm that topsoil will still be used onsite in final revegetation efforts as required by Rules 3.1.9 and 3.1.10.
- 2. During phone conversations between the Operator and the Division, it is also the Division's understanding that the Operator would like to maintain small stockpiles of material on site for use around the existing ranch property. The Division will allow stockpiles to remain. However, the Division requires that the Operator submit a signed and notarized affidavit stating that the stockpiled material would *only ever* be used on the Operator's own property and not distributed to any another property. Distribution of stockpiled material outside of the landowner's parcel would be defined as a mining operation and the Operator would be required to open a new mining permit, subject to any civil penalties incurred for such activities.
- 3. The figure submitted with this Technical Revision application is helpful for understanding the Operator's intent. However, formal updates to the current Reclamation Plan Map (attached below) will need to be made. On this updated version, please clarify that slopes will be 2:1 rather than 3:1 and specify where berms and stockpiles will remain in place.



Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by **September 29, 2025** in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. If you cannot address the above issues by such date, please request an extension to the decision due date in order to ensure adequate time for the Division to review the materials. A decision due date of October 9, 2025 has been set. If any adequacy issues remain by the decision due date the Division may deny your request.

The Division will continue to review your Technical Revision and will contact you if additional information is needed.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 720-868-7757 or hunter.ridley@state.co.us

Sincerely,

Hunter C. Ridley

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Environmental Protection Specialist

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