

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Response to Reclamation Permit Application Consideration

DATE:	August 1, 2012
TO:	Berhan M. Keffelew
CC:	Division 1 Office, District 65 Water Commissioner
FROM:	Keith Vander Horst Keich Vander Hunt
RE:	Hansel Pit #1, File No. M-2010-036, Conversion from 110(c) to 112(c) Operator: Crystal Springs Ranch Inc. Section 31, Township 7 North, Range 47 West, 6 th P.M., Phillips County
CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL	
\boxtimes	The proposed operation does not anticipate exposing groundwater. Therefore, exposure of ground water must not occur during or after mining operations.
	The proposed operation will consume ground water by: evaporation, dust control, reclamation, water removed in the mined product, processing, other: Prior to initiation of these uses of ground water, the applicant will need to obtain either a gravel pit or other type of well permit, as applicable. However, prior to obtaining a permit, an approved water supply plan or decreed plan for augmentation is required.
	Prior to approving a well permit, the applicant must conduct a field inspection of the site and document the locations of all wells within 600 feet of the permit area. The applicant must then obtain a waiver of objection from all well owners with wells within 600 feet of the permit area or request a hearing before the State Engineer.
	The proposed operation may have potential impact on existing water rights near the project location. Applicant needs to demonstrate that the proposed project will not alter or impact the historic operation of existing water rights.
	The applicant has indicated plans to use other water for purposes at the permit site. The source of water for this use is to be obtained from . Applicant needs to document that this water was diverted in priority under a water right decreed for such industrial use. Applicant should contact the water commissioner for further information.
	The applicant has not identified any proposed use of water at the permit site. If water will be used for any purpose at this site, the applicant will need to document that the water was obtained from a legal source, the water was diverted in priority under a water right decreed for such industrial use or the use of water was approved by the Colorado Ground Water Commission for such industrial use.