

August 17, 2012

T.C. Wait
Environmental Protection Specialist
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Notice of 112 Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Application Consideration All Rite Paving & Redi-Mix Inc., Sharp Gravel Pit, File No. M-2012-036 (CHS #62517)

Dear Mr. Wait:

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 7, 2012 (received by our office on August 9, 2012) regarding the subject project.


A search of the Colorado Cultural Resource Inventory database indicates that several cultural resource inventories have been conducted immediately to the west of the proposed project area and at least one historic property is located therein. Numerous trail segments identified as part of the Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe Trail (5BN391) were recorded in 1986 during a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers survey of the John Martin Reservoir throughout the proposed 320-acre permit area. This portion of the Santa Fe Trail was determined field eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

We recommend that the operator avoid this site or that additional inventory be conducted to determine the effect of the proposed project on this resource. If site avoidance is not possible, we recommend further consultation with our office in order to identify options to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effect to the sites.

Should human remains be discovered during mining activities the requirements under State law CRS 24-80 part 13 apply and must be followed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Mark Tobias, Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4674 or mark.tobias@state.co.us.

Sincerely,


for Edward C. Nichols
State Historic Preservation Officer
ECN/MAT

RECEIVED

AUG 20 2012