

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor

Harris D. Sherman
Executive Director

Ronald W. Cattany
Division Director
Natural Resource Trustee

Re: Conger Harvest Area, Permit M-1998-022, CN-01, Approval.

Dear Mr. Balaz,

The Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety has received Tetra Tech's response to staff review of the above referenced application. As noted earlier the objection received has been withdrawn. Tetra Tech has accepted the reclamation liability on behalf of Gallegos Corporation. It appears that all issues have been addressed to meet the minimum requirements of the Act and Rules. Therefore, staff is pleased to inform Tetra Tech and Gallegos that the conversion from a 110c to a 112c is approved.

The accepted calculated reclamation liability is to be \$7,725.00. This is a \$305.00 increase in the bond already held by the Division. Please submit the appropriate bonding documentation to Elizabeth Taliaferro in the DRMS Denver Office. If there are any questions regarding those documents please contact Elizabeth at 303-866-4084. As a reminder, no disturbance can begin within the new area until Gallegos receives bond acceptance documentation from the Denver Office.

The new portion of mining will occur primarily on Forest Service lands. A copy of the estimate was forwarded to them for their review and acceptance per a Memo of Understanding. Should there be any issues raised by the Forest Service in regard to the bond they must be addressed prior to any disturbance within their area.

If you need additional information, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, telephone no. 970.241.1117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Russell Means", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

G. Russell Means
Environmental Protection Specialist II

Cc: Irene Davidson, Aspen-Sopris Ranger District