



WILLIAMS FORK MINING COMPANY

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Ms. Stephanie Reigh
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Dear Ms. Reigh:

**Re: Williams Fork Mining Co., Williams Fork Pit, Permit No. M-1984-168
Request for Temporary Cessation**

The Williams Fork Pit is operated to mine gravel that is then used as road base material for the nearby Trapper surface coal mine near Craig, Colorado. In recent years the pit has been used intermittently as gravel has been needed at the mine. During the recent past gravel from the pit has not been needed; consequently the pit has not been operated.

In response to a question regarding the operation of this pit, Russ Means suggested that we request temporary cessation for the Williams Fork Pit. Please accept this letter as that request.

The pit area is hydrologically and vegetatively stable. All of the disturbed areas that possibly could be have been reclaimed. One pond is completely reclaimed, while the active pit is reclaimed to the extent possible.

Resumption of mining will be a simple matter of bringing in mining and crushing equipment and continuing mining from the spot where we most recently mined.

Sincerely,

Forrest Luke
Environmental Manager

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