

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY
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August 22, 2013

Notice to Applicant, Parties and Interested Persons

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

RE: SR-11 Mine, File No. M-1977-451, Notice of Recommendation of Approval and Pre-hearing Conference Regarding Designated Mining Regular 112d-1 Operation Reclamation Permit Amendment Application Submitted by Cotter Corporation

Dear Applicant, Party and/or Interested Person:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) has completed technical review of the above referenced amendment application for a Designated Mining Operation Regular 112d-1 Reclamation Permit. DRMS has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements of the *Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations*, and therefore are preparing to recommend that the Board approve this 112d-1 amendment application over the objections received. The DRMS Rational for Approval will be sent under separate cover.

Pursuant to Rule 2.7.1(5), a Pre-hearing Conference shall be held after the Office has issued its recommendation and at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the Formal Public Hearing. The Formal Public Hearing is scheduled to be held during the October 16-17, 2013 Board Meeting. Therefore, a Pre-hearing Conference has been scheduled accordingly.

The Pre-hearing Conference has been scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 12:45 p.m. The location for the Pre-hearing Conference will be the Colorado Bureau of Investigations office at 2797 Justice Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Steve Renner will preside as Pre-hearing Conference Officer. The purpose of the Pre-hearing Conference is to explain the rights and responsibilities of parties, to discuss and resolve issues to the extent possible, to describe the Board Hearing processes, to determine the list of issues falling under the Board's jurisdiction, to simplify the list and identify those parties who have demonstrated standing at the Formal Public Hearing.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Mitchell".

Stephanie Mitchell

Environmental Protection Specialist
Department of Natural Resources

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Stephanie Mitchell, hereby certify that on Thursday, August 22, 2013 I deposited a true copy of the foregoing *Notice of Pre-hearing Conference* in the United States Mail, postage paid, addressed to the following:

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