

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

July 1, 2016

WYW168619- Richard Gunyan – Mike Claim Placer Plan of Operations

The following measures must be observed in order to avoid unnecessary or undue degradation of Public Land in accordance with the Performance Standards presented in 43 CFR 3809.420.

1. **ARCHAEOLOGICAL --**

Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (historic or prehistoric site or object fossil) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or specific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures shall be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.

2. **WILDLIFE –**

The BLM would recommend but does not require that surface disturbance and/or disruptive activities that have the potential to cause destruction of nests, eggs or young of migratory birds discontinue during the period of May 1st to July 15th. However, you must conduct a survey of the proposed disturbance areas to determine the presence/absence of nesting migratory birds. Nest surveys must be conducted no more than 7 days prior to surface disturbing and/or disruptive activities. If birds or nests are identified, you will need to consult with the BLM and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine appropriate mitigation measures.

3. **WEEDS –**

The operator/holder will be responsible for managing all noxious and undesirable invading plant species in the reclaimed areas, including cheat grass until the vegetation activities have been determined to be successful. If noxious or invasive weeds are encountered, the BLM and/or the County Weed and Pest Department would be consulted by the operator/holder for suppression and control methods. If chemical herbicide control methods are used on public land, only BLM approved chemicals and application methods will be permitted. A Pesticide Use Proposal (PUP) and written approval from the Authorized Officer for the use of herbicides must be obtained prior to usage of herbicides.

Mobile equipment being transported from an offsite location to the BLM project area must be cleaned prior to arrival using water, steam, or air pressurized cleaning methods to remove any invasive or noxious weed seed and plant parts or materials that could contain seeds or plant parts.

When appropriate, identify sites generally off public lands where equipment can be cleaned. Seeds and plant parts need to be collected and disposed of appropriately.

All mulch, seed and other vegetative reclamation materials must be certified weed free. If available all sand, gravel, and fill materials shall be certified weed free.

The weeds identified at the below website need to be controlled should they begin to grow in the project area: <http://www.wyoweed.org/weeds/state-designated-weeds>

4. FIRE AND FUELS—

The proponent will be required to coordinate with the BLM any fuels reduction activities and will allow for appropriate fuels reduction by BLM personnel when necessary.

5. RECLAMATION PLAN –

Prior to **final** reclamation of the site, the proponent will need to procure from the BLM an approved final seed mix and follow the seeding instructions contained therein. No other seed mixes shall be employed unless written approval has been obtained from the BLM. Biannual inspections by BLM personnel will determine whether reclamation techniques employed are successful. If, during BLM site visits, adverse conditions are discovered such as weeds or erosion, additional measures will be required such as the submittal of a weed management plan and installation of erosion control features.

6. WATER --

Use of water from any other water source than currently approved is prohibited unless otherwise granted by the individual or agency possessing the water rights of the source.

7. REFUSE –

The site shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times. All garbage, refuse or waste shall be removed from the affected land and disposed of in an authorized/approved land fill. "Waste" is defined as all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, pipe, oil, oil drums, grease, petroleum products, ashes, concrete, construction materials, and equipment.

8. SPILL CONTINGENCY—

Any Petroleum Contaminated Soils (PCS) occurring on site must be excavated immediately and placed into a designated bucket for temporary storage then transported to an appropriate disposal facility as necessary. No extended storage of the PCS buckets will be allowed on-site. All fuels will be stored in adequately sized secondary containment. Fueling of equipment will be over absorbent pads or on a trailer as to eliminate spills to the surface. Receipts of proper disposal of contaminated soils shall be furnished to the Authorized Officer post disposal.