## Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC

### SCHUBERT RANCH SAND RESOURCE

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# Application for a Regular 112 Construction Materials Mined Land Reclamation Permit

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### STATE OF COLORADO

### **DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY**

**CHECK ONE:** There is a File Number Already Assigned to this Operation

Department of Natural Resources

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### CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS REGULAR (112) OPERATION RECLAMATION PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

		Permit # M (Please reference the file number currently assigned a New Application (Rule 1.4.5)  Conversion Application (Rule 1.11)  Amendment Application (Fulle 1.11)	•	on)
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		GENERAL OPERATION INFORMATION  Type or print clearly, in the space provided, <u>ALL</u> information requeste		
2.	Perr	Type of organization (corporation, partnership, etc.): Corporation  ration name (pit, mine or site name): Schubert Ranch Sand Resource  mitted acreage (new or existing site):	733.7	permitted acres
	3.1	Change in acreage (+) Total acreage in Permit area	733.7	acres acres
4.	Fees 4.1 4.2 4.4 4.5	New Application New Quarry Application Amendment Fee Conversion to 112 operation (set by statute)	\$2,696.00 \$33,342,000 \$2,229,000 \$2,200,000	quarry application amendment fee
5.	<u>Prin</u>	nary commoditie(s) to be mined: Gravel Sand Borrow		
	5.1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	/	lbs/Tons/yr lbs/Tons/yr
	5.2	Anticipated end use of primary commoditie(s) to be mined: Specification aggregate	s, fill mater	ial
	5.3	Anticipated end use of incidental commoditie(s) to be mined:		

6.	Name of owner of subsurface rights of affected land: Schubert Ranches, LLC  If 2 or more owners, "refer to Exhibit O".
7.	Name of owner of surface of affected land: Schubert Ranches, LLC
8.	Type of mining operation: Surface Underground
9.	<b>Location Information</b> : The <u>center</u> of the area where the majority of mining will occur:
	COUNTY: El Paso
	PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (check one): 6th (Colorado) 10th (New Mexico) Ute
	SECTION (write number): S 29
	TOWNSHIP (write number and check direction): T 14 North V South
	RANGE (write number and check direction): R 62 East West
	QUARTER SECTION (check one): NENWSESW
	QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION (check one): NE NW SE SW
	GENERAL DESCRIPTION: (the number of miles and direction from the nearest town and the approximate elevation):
	3.1 miles southeast of Ellicott Colorado, west side of South Baggett Road. Site elevation 5910'
10.	Primary Mine Entrance Location (report in either Latitude/Longitude OR UTM):  Latitude/Longitude:  Example: (N) 39° 44′ 12.98″ (W) 104° 59′ 3.87″
	Latitude (N): deg 38 min 47 sec 43.58 (2 decimal places)
	Longitude (W): deg <u>104</u> min <u>21</u> sec <u>15</u> . <u>94</u> (2 decimal places)
	OR
	Example: (N) 39.73691° (W) -104.98449°
	Latitude (N) (5 decimal places)
	Longitude(W) (5 decimal places)
	OR
	<u>Universal Tranverse Mercator (UTM)</u>
	Example: 201336.3 E NAD27 Zone 13 4398351.2 N
	UTM Datum (specify NAD27, NAD83 or WGS 84) WGS 84 Zone Zone 13
	Easting
	Northing

### 11. **Correspondence Information**:

APPLICANT/OPERATOR	(name, address, and phone of name to be used on permit)	
Contact's Name:	Perry Hastings	Title: <u>Agent</u>
Company Name:	Ellicott Sand and Gravel, LLC	
Street/P.O. Box:	235 Franceville Coal Mine Road	P.O. Box:
City:	Colorado Springs	
State:	co	Zip Code: <u>80929</u>
Telephone Number:	<u>( 602                                   </u>	
Fax Number:	(	
PERMITTING CONTACT	(if different from applicant/operator above)	
Contact's Name:	Steve O'Brian	Title: <u>President</u>
Company Name:	Environment, Inc	
Street/P.O. Box:	7985 Vance Dr. #205A	P.O. Box:
City:	Arvada	
State:	co	Zip Code: <u>80003</u>
Telephone Number:	<u>(303</u> ) - <u>423-7297</u>	
Fax Number:	(303 ) - 423-7599	
INSPECTION CONTACT		
Contact's Name:	Perry Hastings	Title: <u>Agent</u>
Company Name:	Ellicott Sand and Gravel, LLC	
Street/P.O. Box:	235 Franceville Coal Mine Road	P.O. Box:
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State:	CO	Zip Code: <u>80929</u>
Telephone Number:	<u>(602</u> ) - <u>558-0846</u>	
Fax Number:	<u>( )</u> -	
CC: STATE OR FEDERAL	L LANDOWNER (if any)	
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12.	Primary future (Post-mining) land use (check one):
	Cropland(CR) Pastureland(PL) General Agriculture(GA)  Rangeland(RL) Forestry(FR) Wildlife Habitat(WL)  Residential(RS) Recreation(RC) Industrial/Commercial(IC)  Developed Water Resources(WR) Solid Waste Disposal(WD)
13.	Primary present land use (check one):  Cropland(CR) Pastureland(PL) General Agriculture(GA)  Rangeland(RL) Forestry(FR) Wildlife Habitat(WL)  Residential(RS) Recreation(RC) Industrial/Commercial(IC)  Developed Water Resources(WR)
14.	<u>Method of Mining</u> : Briefly explain mining method (e.g. truck/shovel): This is a dry mining operation where front end loaders, dozers, track hoes & scrapers will remove material from a dry deposit.
15.	On Site Processing:  Crushing/Screening  13.1 Briefly explain mining method (e.g. truck/shovel): Loaders, dozers trackhoes, scrapers and trucks will be used to remove material and feed a processing plant that crushes washes and screens it into stockpiles.  List any designated chemicals or acid-producing materials to be used or stored within permit area:  None
16.	Description of Amendment or Conversion:  If you are amending or converting an existing operation, provide a brief narrative describing the proposed change(s).

### Maps and Exhibits:

Two (2) complete, unbound application packages must be submitted. One complete application package consists of a signed application form and the set of maps and exhibits referenced below as Exhibits A-S, Addendum 1, and the Geotechnical Stability Exhibit. Each exhibit within the application must be presented as a separate section. Begin each exhibit on a new page. Pages should be numbered consecutively for ease of reference. If separate documents are used as appendices, please reference these by name in the exhibit.

With each of the two (2) signed application forms, you must submit a corresponding set of the maps and exhibits as described in the following references to Rule 6.4, 6.5, and 1.6.2(1)(b):

EXHIBIT A	Legal Description
EXHIBIT B	Index Map
EXHIBIT C	Pre-Mining and Mining Plan Map(s) of Affected Lands
EXHIBIT D	Mining Plan
EXHIBIT E	Reclamation Plan
EXHIBIT F	Reclamation Plan Map
EXHIBIT G	Water Information
EXHIBIT H	Wildlife Information
EXHIBIT I	Soils Information
EXHIBIT J	Vegetation Information
EXHIBIT K	Climate Information
EXHIBIT L	Reclamation Costs
EXHIBIT M	Other Permits and Licenses
EXHIBIT N	Source of Legal Right-To-Enter
EXHIBIT O	Owners of Record of Affected Land (Surface Area) and Owners of Substance to be Mined
EXHIBIT P	Municipalities Within Two Miles
EXHIBIT Q	Proof of Mailing of Notices to County Commissioners and Conservation District
EXHIBIT R	Proof of Filing with County Clerk or Recorder
EXHIBIT S	Permanent Man-Made Structures
Rule 1.6.2(1)(b)	ADDENDUM 1 - Notice Requirements (sample enclosed)
Rule 6.5	Geotechnical Stability Exhibit (any required sections)

The instructions for preparing Exhibits A-S, Addendum 1, and Geotechnical Stability Exhibit are specified under Rule 6.4 and 6.5 and Rule 1.6.2(1)(b) of the Rules and Regulations. If you have any questions on preparing the Exhibits or content of the information required, or would like to schedule a pre-application meeting you may contact the Office at 303-866-3567.

### Responsibilities as a Permittee:

Upon application approval and permit issuance, this application becomes a legally binding document. Therefore, there are a number of important requirements which you, as a permittee, should fully understand. These requirements are listed below. Please read and initial each requirement, in the space provided, to acknowledge that you understand your obligations. If you do not understand these obligations then please contact this Office for a full explanation.

1. Your obligation to reclaim the site is not limited to the amount of the financial warranty. You assume legal liability for all reasonable expenses which the Board or the Office may incur to reclaim the affected lands associated with your mining operation in the event your permit is revoked and financial warranty is forfeited;



2. The Board may suspend or revoke this permit, or assess a civil penalty, upon a finding that the permittee violated the terms or conditions of this permit, the Act, the Mineral Rules and Regulations, or that information contained in the application or your permit misrepresent important material facts;



3. If your mining and reclamation operations affect areas beyond the boundaries of an approved permit boundary, substantial civil penalties, to you as permittee can result;

- 4. Any modification to the approved mining and reclamation plan from those described in your approved application requires you to submit a permit modification and obtain approval from the Board or Office;
- 5. It is your responsibility to notify the Office of any changes in your address or phone number;
- 6. Upon permit issuance and prior to beginning on-site mining activity, you must post a sign at the entrance of the mine site, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with the following information (Rule 3.1.12):
  - a. the name of the operator;
  - b. a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and,
  - c. the permit number.



7. The boundaries of the permit boundary area must be marked by monuments or other markers that are clearly visible and adequate to delineate such boundaries prior to site disturbance.



8. It is a provision of this permit that the operations will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions listed in your application, as well as with the provisions of the Act and the Construction Material Rules and Regulations in effect at the time the permit is issued.



9. Annually, on the anniversary date of permit issuance, you must submit an annual fee as specified by Statute, and an annual report which includes a map describing the acreage affected and the acreage reclaimed to date (if there are changes from the previous year), any monitoring required by the Reclamation Plan to be submitted annually on the anniversary date of the permit approval. Annual fees are for the previous year a permit is held. For example, a permit with the anniversary date of July 1, 1995, the annual fee is for the period of July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995. Failure to submit your annual fee and report by the permit anniversary date may result in a civil penalty, revocation of your permit, and forfeiture of your financial warranty. It is your responsibility, as the permittee, to continue to pay your annual fee to the Office until the Board releases you from your total reclamation responsibility.



10. <u>For joint venture/partnership operators</u>: the signing representative is authorized to sign this document and a power of attorney (provided by the partner(s)) authorizing the signature of the representative is attached to this application.

### NOTE TO COMMENTORS/OBJECTORS:

It is likely there will be additions, changes, and deletions to this document prior to final decision by the Office. Therefore, if you have any comments or concerns you must contact the applicant or the Office prior to the decision date so that you will know what changes may have been made to the application document.

The Office is not allowed to consider comments, unless they are written, and received prior to the end of the public comment period. You should contact the applicant for the final date of the public comment period.

If you have questions about the Mined Land Reclamation Board and Office's review and decision or appeals process, you may contact the Office at (303) 866-3567.

### Certification:

As an authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the operation described has met the minimum requirements of the following terms and conditions:

- 1. To the best of my knowledge, all significant, valuable and permanent man-made structure(s) in existence at the time this application is filed, and located within 200 feet of the proposed affected area have been identified in this application (Section 34-32.5-115(4)(e), C.R.S.).
- 2. No mining operation will be located on lands where such operations are prohibited by law (Section 34-32.5-115(4)(f), C.R.S.;
- 3. As the applicant/operator, I do not have any extraction/exploration operations in the State of Colorado currently in violation of the provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Section 34-32.5-120, C.R.S.) as determined through a Board finding.
- 4. I understand that statements in the application are being made under penalty of perjury and that false statements made herein are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to Section 18-8-503, C.R.S.

This form has been approved by the Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to section 34-32.5-112, C.R.S., of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. Any alteration or modification of this form shall result in voiding any permit issued on the altered or modified form and subject the operator to cease and desist orders and civil penalties for operating without a permit pursuant to section 34-32.5-123, C.R.S.

Signed and dated this day of OCTO 60.	<u>, 2017</u> .
Ellicott Sand and Gravel, LLC Applicant/Operator or Company Name	If Corporation Attest (Seal) No seal
Signed: Jung Hestory	Signed: NA
	Corporate Secretary or Equivalent
Title: <u>Agent</u>	Town/City/County Clerk
State of) ss.	
County of)	
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, by <u>Perry Hastings</u> as <u>Agent</u>	of Ellicott Sand and Gravel, LLC
CHRISTINE WILSON Notary Public State of Colorado Notary ID # 20094028750 My Commission Expires 11-10-2021	Christine Wilson  Notary Public  My Commission expires: 11-10-2021

### SIGNATURES MUST BE IN BLUE INK

You must post sufficient Notices at the location of the proposed mine site to clearly identify the site as the location of a

### Affidavit of Authority to Execute Financial Warranty Documents

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	in his/her capacity as Agent ly appeared and, being first duly sworn upon or	[title of authorized person] ("Affiant"),
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1.	This affidavit is being executed and submitted of business organization], a(n) <u>Limited Liability</u> e.g., corporation, partnership, limited liability "Company").	
2.	number (DRMS file no	certain financial warranty documents associated with file amber), which are required by the Colorado Mined Land on Mining and Safety pursuant to Colorado law ("Financial
3.	Affiant is duly authorized to sign such Financibind the Company to the same.	al Warranty Documents on behalf of the Company and to
4.	Affiant is not prohibited or limited by the Con executing the Financial Warranty Documents.	npany's governing documents or by any applicable law from
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The	e foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _	8 day of Cctoku1, 2018,
	Hastings as Agent	of Ellicott Sand and Gravel, LLC
		Notary Public Officationel Vilson
		My Commission Expires 11-10-2021

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### **EXHIBIT A**

### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

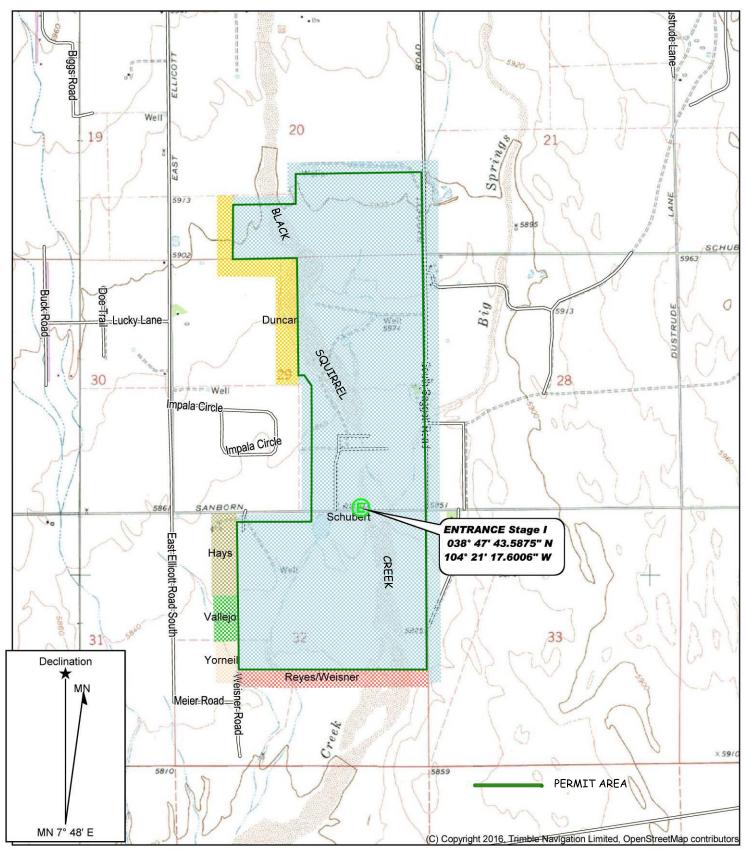
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The E½NE¼, SW¼NE¼, & SE½NW¼, and parts of the NW½NE¼ & NE½NW¼, Section 32, Township 14 South, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. El Paso County, Colorado

Containing 733.7 acres more or less.

Entrance location Stage I: 38°47'43.59"N, 104°21'17.601"



Quad. Name: BIG SPRINGS RANCH

Date: 10/29/18

Scale: 1 inch = 2,000 ft.

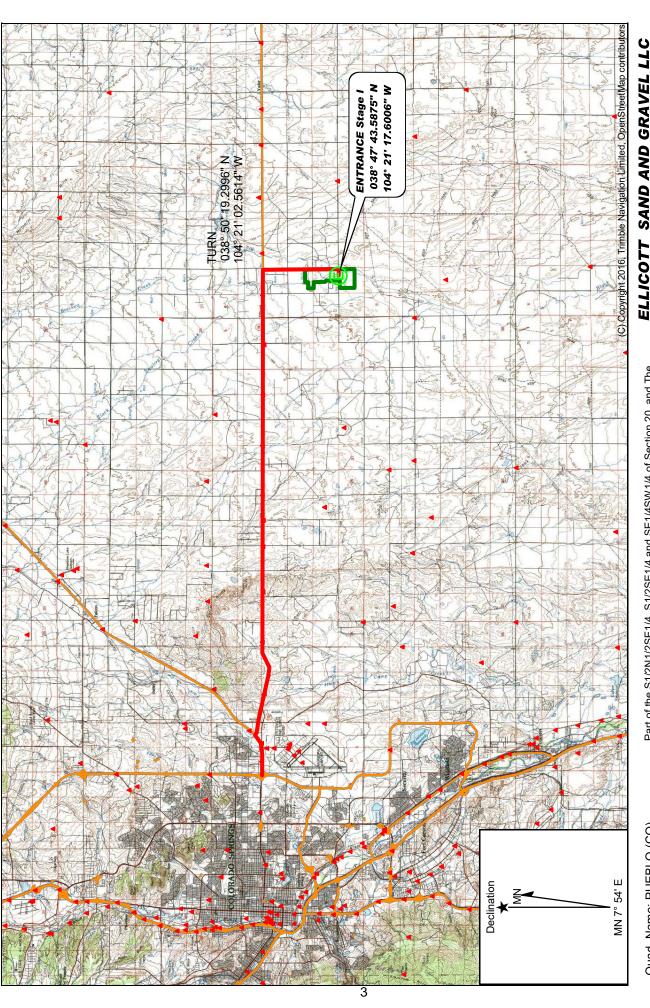
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SE1/4NW1/4, and parts of the NW1/4NE1/4 & RESOURCE

1/4NW1/4, Section 32, Township 14 South, Range 62
West, 6th P.M. El Paso County, Colorado
Containing 733.7 acres more or less.

**ELLICOTT SAND AND GRAVEL LLC** 

SCHUBERT RANCH SAND



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Quad. Name: PUEBLO (CO) Date: 10/29/18 Scale: 1 inch = 20,000 ft.

### MAP EXHIBIT B1 - AREA MAP SCHUBERT RANCH SAND RESOURCE

### MINING PLAN AND TIMETABLE

### **LOCATION**

This is an open pit mine located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Ellicott, Colorado. From Ellicott Colorado, follow SHW 94 east two (2) miles to South Baggett Road, then south (right) 1.7 miles to the northeast corner of the mine. The Entrance to Stage I is west of the intersection of South Baggett Road and Sanborn Road (coordinates 38°47'43.58"N, 104°21'17.60"W). The entrance will change as each new mining Stage is opened. The exact entrance locations for each stage are unknown at this time. The private roads on the mine site will be used also. Periodic grading will be necessary to keep the roads in their present condition. Each Stage entrance will remain after mining is complete for landowner access to that area. Please refer to EXHIBIT B - VICINITY MAP for the property configuration and the relationships to surrounding geological features.

### **CURRENT CONDITIONS**

Map Exhibit C shows the outline of the Affected Lands; the touching landowners; the 200 foot ownership; structures; current topography, and hydrologic features of the property. Also, all permanent manmade structures are shown on this map exhibit. Surrounding property uses include rangeland or irrigate agriculture and rural residential. Portions of the mine area used as irrigated sod grass area or irrigated agriculture fields. These area are generally associated with the irrigation pivots on the north and south side of the permit area. The Schubert Ranch (owners) office and main yard is located on South Baggett Road approximately midway along the east permit line. All of the buildings shown on the permit area are owned by Schubert Ranch or the ranches owners. At this time the building in the mined area will remain so we plan to establish a mining setback from the main structures as shown on the Reclamation Plan Map.

Bisecting the permit area from north to south is an ephemeral drainage labeled Black Squirrel Creek and a secondary area that is where Big Springs Creek merges with the Black Squirrel. Mining will not take place in the primary erosion channels where water has run down the dry creek bed. The landowners have built flow direction berms along the dry creek

beds and done some armoring to protect the fields and building from past flooding. The Floodplain line is shown on the map.

This line is located from the Pikes Peak Regional Floodplain Map.

Run off down these dry creek beds will not be impaired by mining or reclamation.

The site is currently used as irrigated agriculture and rangeland and consists of a deep sand deposit that parallels both side of Black Squirrel Creek. The usable material on this site is greater then 70 feet deep as evidenced by the well drilling logs reviewed. The salvageable soil depths vary from 4 to 15 inches but many of the 8 soils types have 8 inches or less so the average works out to be 5.5 inches. However, Most of Stage VI is area covered by irrigation sprinklers is used for sod farming so little or no actual soil remains on those. The mine floor will be sand since the deposit averages 100 plus feet deep.

### **MINING PLAN**

Of the 733.7 acres ± in the permit area a maximum of 561.7 acres ± will be disturbed by the mining operation over the life of the mine. The area is broken into 6 mining stages for sake of discussion. When a stage is opened the 25 foot mining setbacks will be delineated along the permit/affected lands line and 50 feet from the top of the bank along Black Squirrel Creek.

Mining will begin in Stage I west of Black Squirrel Creek and north of Sanborn Road. A 30 acre area will be stripped within the setbacks explained above that will be used as the active mining area, plant site and stockpile area. Mining will move south to north in this stage once a working face that trends east-west across the stage. We expect to mine approximately 35 feet deep in the stripped area creating the first level. Once enough area is open a second 35 foot deep cut will be made to reach the final floor of the mine. This will create two 35 foot benches that extend from east to west across the stage as shown on the MINING PLAN MAP - EXHIBIT C-1. The typical layout of the bench is show on Figure D-1 following the Mining Timetable. Eventually, an additional 10 acres of partially reclaimed area will be present since reclamation will run concurrent with mining, so the total bonded disturbance allowed will be 40 acres.

There will be a 25-foot or wider digline setback maintained from the permit boundary so there is adequate space on the level above the slope for property line access, setback maintenance, grading and shaping. In Stage VI the setback from the northern house will be between 210 and 215 feet and on the southern ranch complex it will vary from 50 to 130 feet.

As mining progresses across a stage the exterior slope will be mined ½ to 1 until it is within 55 feet of a stage perimeter then shaped to the final 3:1 rate from the surface to the top of the first bench. Once that slope toe of that slope is established another 55 foot wide vertical mining setback will be established to leave enough material to create the bottom of the 3:1 cut/fill slope along the outer limits of a Stage.

The Plant Site/stockpile area will start on the surface, but once the initial level is reached it will be moved below grade so it is screened below the surrounding areas. Map Exhibit C-1 shows how the site would look when the mine reaches full production.

On the Mining Plan Map the processing/stockpile and partially reclaimed areas covers approximately 22.0 acres, there is 15.0 ac. of bench and working face area and 3.0 acres stripped. The highwall is 500 feet long with approximately 4100 feet being temporary graded to 2h to 1v. As the mining face extends across the property, we will maintain a 500 foot long, near vertical, working face. The remaining highwall will be kept at an interim grade of 2h to 1v. The working face will move from the top bench to the mine floor as it progresses across a given Stage. The plan is to continue to mine into the sand deposit at the mining face until the permit limits are reached.

Typically mining will be done in cycles. These cycles involve moving a crushing plant into a mine and beginning to process material until there is a six month to 1 year supply of material stockpiled. Once an adequate supply is processed, the processing plant and equipment is moved to another mine. The stockpiles will be used throughout the year by the company. As mining ends on a section of the working face it is temporally graded to 2:1 so it is stable when there are no activities in the mine. Any resoiling and revegetation needed will be completed when the area where material is removed will not be redisturbed. This cycle continues until the mine is played out.

Each time the mine is re-entered, mining begins by setting up the plant and if needed an area is stripped. The salvaged topsoil will be stockpiled along the mine perimeter setbacks or on the mine floor, i.e., in places where it will not be disturbed until needed. Much of the permit area will continue to be used by the owners for their ranching purposes throughout the life of the mine. The approximate location of the soil piles are shown on the MINING PLAN MAP.

Mining will begin on a section of the slopes created at the end of the last mining cycle until a near vertical face is open. This face will be worked to the east and west until it extends across the property and at that time mining will progress to the south or north depending on the Stage mining is taking place. As mining progresses thru the site the processing plant will be set near the open face to reduce the haul distance from the mine face.

This pit will be operated year-around by Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC, weather permitting. There may be periods when the demands for material are slow and no mining will take place at which time the mine will become an *Intermediate Operation*. Stockpiles of material will be maintained on the site and as the need arises, it will be hauled to our project sites or sold to the public.

This will be a six stage operation, starting in Stage I and working counter clock wise around the permit area so mining ends in the northeast corner. Generally, mining will be to the north and south depending on what stage is being mined with the mining face extended across each stage from east to west.

Review of MAP EXHIBIT C-1 shows how we expect the site to look when mining is approximately 20% done. Note, the floor of the excavation is flat and the exterior slopes into the mined area are graded 3:1 where reclaimed, 2:1 when temporary grading is done and near vertical where mining is taking place. Material will be left along the mine perimeter to do a cut/fill sloping operations for the final slopes.

Mining equipment may include but is not limited to, frontend loaders, scrapers, bulldozers, dump trucks and a water truck. Processing equipment may include but is not limited to conveyors, crushers and screen plants. A scale and scale house as well as a Does Well Permit support?

MINING PLAN EXHIBIT D (CONT)

shop and maintenance building may also be built at the mine during its life. No blasting will take place at this mine.

As much as possible, the surface drainage will be maintained in the same direction as it now exists. The proposed sloping plan for the excavated area should eliminate any concerns of erosion occurring on the site. The ephemeral drainages will not be disturbed by mining.

On a typical operation of this type we may use up to 3 ac-ft of water per year. Most of the water used for dust control will be used on haul roads. Please refer to EXHIBIT G-WATER for the discussion of how water will be used at the site and the source of said water.

There are no ditches crossing the site and no surface or subsurface water will be impacted by the mining operation. All interior pit slopes will be maintained with a pit-ward attitude so that historic drainage patterns can be maintained. slope management plan will prevent any offsite slides or other disruptions. Isolation berms or ditches will be constructed around the active mining area to prevent off site stormwater from contacting the disturbed area. All stormwater contacting the disturbed area will be retained on site and allowed to evaporate or soak into the underlying sand. No stormwater will be retained in the mine area for more then 72 hours. No dewatering will take place as this is a dry mine. A CDPS and stormwater permit will be obtained if needed. No U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit is necessary, as there are no water bodies on the site nor are there any wetland areas that will be disturbed by mining or reclamation. No mining will take place within the ephemeral drains of Black Squirrel Creek or Big Springs Creek.

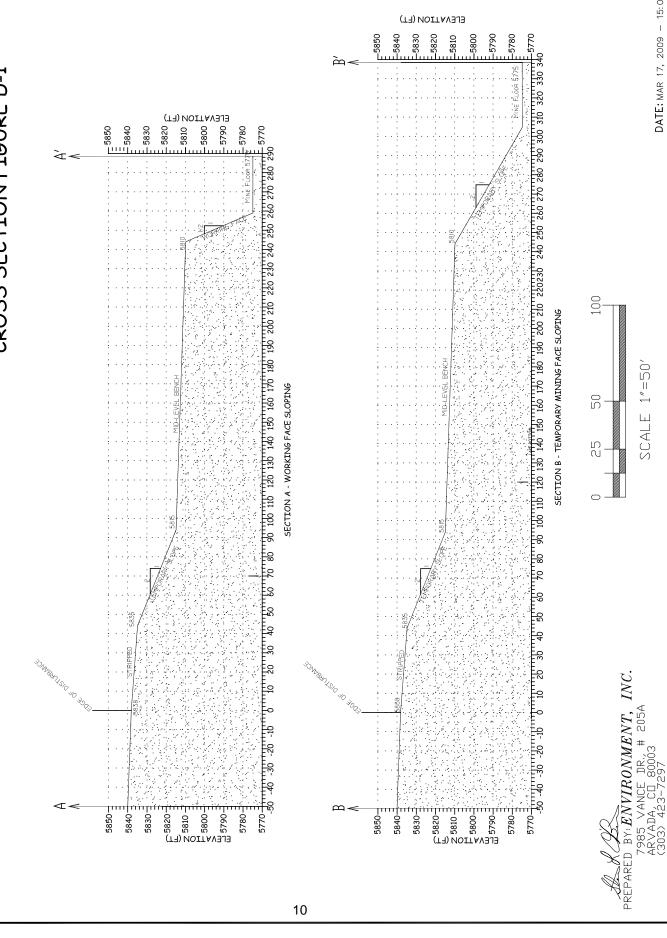
### MINING TIMETABLE

This estimated mining timetable is based on an average year and Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC expects a specific year to vary widely from the average. If there are changes in the mining timetable we will discuss the reasons for the changes in the annual report that follows the change and modify it at that time.

### **ESTIMATED MINING TIMETABLE**

			ACRE	ls ±	
Stage	ESTIMATED	TOTAL	TOTAL	MINED	MINED
	YEARS	AREA	MINED	100%	SLOPES
I	10-15	68.94	60.05	28.22	31.83
II	15-20	214.00	181.14	129.68	51.46
III	4-6	54.39	47.30	14.26	33.04
IV	2-5	24.32	19.00	4.20	14.80
V	2-4	20.81	17.46	3.32	14.15
VI	20-30	268.60	236.70	159.64	77.07
Drainage	LOM	82.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	52-80	733.87	561.65	339.32	222.35

# ELLICOTT SAND AND GRAVEL, LLC SCHUBERT RANCH SAND RESOURCE CROSS SECTION FIGURE D-1



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1'' = 50'

SCALE

### RECLAMATION PLAN AND TIMETABLE

### RECLAMATION PLAN

The proposed future use of this site is to return it to it's existing use of rangeland and agriculture. Mining will create a series of dry depressions along Black Squirrel Creek that have flat floors which are approximately 70 feet below the surface. This makes the reclamation plan very simple in that the mined area will have 3h to 1v slopes from the surface to the mined floor that will be shaped, resoiled and then revegetated with grass seed once mining is complete. Review of the RECLAMATION PLAN MAPS in this application packet depicts how we believe the site will look once mining is complete.

As mining progresses the slopes along the working face of the mining area will be temporally graded 2:1 to stabilize them until it is time for resumption of mining or they are final graded for final reclamation. By creating the temporary slopes as mining progresses, we are reducing the amount of work necessary to reclaim the site if mining stopped prematurely. The exterior slope will be graded 3h to 1v, resoiled and seeded as soon as practical after they are mined.

Since the working face slopes around in the mined area will be steeper than their final slopes, only minor amounts of cut/fill slope work will be necessary as mining ends. Five Hundred feet of the working face will be left nearly vertical and will need to be cut/fill sloped if mining ended early. This sloping plan will also insure, that if mining ceases before the resource is exhausted, only a minor amount of work would have to be done to finish reclamation on the disturbed area. The placement of the soil stockpiles around the perimeter of the mined area or direct placement on the final slopes as stripping takes place helps reduce the cost to reclaim the site if mining ended midway thru the site. It also means that the topsoil, only has to be handled once and reclamation will run concurrent with mining.

There are sufficient amounts of soil on the site so the mined area can be resoiled to an average depth of 4 to 6 inches

except on the sod farm areas. Additional growth medium (processing fines) will be salvaged during processing to supplement the topsoil if needed. All topsoil encountered will be saved from the stripping process and the operator will not haul additional soils onto the site for revegetation. soils in place have been capable of producing a sparse cover of grasses suitable for grazing purposes when not abused. vegetation information was obtained from site visits and data provided in the vegetation information obtained from the El Paso County NRCS soil report found in Exhibit I - Soils. describes the current cover in the terms of yearly production for a typical range site and is not site specific. It will serve as background information as reclamation progresses. Our site specific investigations suggest the range quality is on the average side.

As outlined in the MINING PLAN, up to six stages will be mined creating 561.7 acres ± of mined area in the permitted area. This will be reclaimed concurrently with mining. The plan calls for having no more than 40.0 acres ± disturbed at any-one-time. As mining progresses across the property some parts of the property will remain undisturbed while other areas will be either stripped, mined, partially reclaimed or totally reclaimed. The MINING PLAN MAP - EXHIBIT C-1 shows how the pit will look when approximately 38% is stripped, mined and partially reclaimed. The RECLAMATION PLAN MAP - EXHIBIT F shows how the area will look when reclamation is complete. The mined areas will be returned to at least their present vegetative condition when reclamation is complete.

Careful analysis of the growth medium and salvaged soil will permit the operator to carry out a soil additive program and to monitor the prescribed seeding plan. We will be able to determine if the plan requires revision. In some case ages manure will be used to add organic matter to the soil at a rate of 4000 lbs per acres. Under normal weather conditions, an adequate moisture reserve will be present for the establishment of the proposed seed mixture. No irrigation is planned for this site because we will be attempting to create a diverse dryland site that is non-water dependent. If the owners wish to use some of the mined area for irrigated agriculture, it is their responsibility to develop those areas after mining ends. No

revegetation will take place on access roads as they will be used by the owners to access their property.

### REVEGETATION PROGRAM

The revegetation program to be implemented by the Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC is detailed below. The topsoiling plan presented above and this revegetation program is devised after careful review of the existing soil conditions and present vegetation, both on the site and in the NRCS report prepared by "Revegetation will be carried out in such a way so as to establish a Mr. Greq Langer. diverse, effective and long-lasting vegetative cover that is capable of self-regeneration without continued dependence on irrigation, soil amendments or fertilizers." The plan is designed to create a vegetative cover that is at least equal in extent to the cover of the natural vegetation before mining. use of species native to the area is included. The seed mix below was prepared by Greg Langer of the El Paso County NRCS office in Colorado Springs. Since the intended use of the reclaimed land as rangeland and agriculture any slopes created will be commensurate with this final land use.

Seed will be drilled wherever possible, when drilling is not possible, the seed will be broadcast. The revegetation plan provides for the greatest probability of success in plant establishment and vegetative development by considering environmental factors such as seasonal patterns of precipitation, temperatures and wind.

The roads will remain on the site to provide access for planting crews and for the supervision and inspection of the reclamation plan. The roads will provide the owner's with access to the surrounding property when reclamation is complete.

### SEEDBED PREPARATION

When mining on an area is complete, reclamation will begin. The stockpiled soils will be spread, smoothed of large clods, worked until moderately fine. On the areas where seed is broadcast the surface will be left fairly rough to trap the seed and keep it from being affected by wind.

### **SEEDING TIME**

The grass seed mixture will be planted from early fall thru mid-spring (November 1 to April 30). The time of planting will be controlled by when the resoiled areas are ready for planting. If fall planting is convenient, the seeding will be done before the first freeze (about the time Winterwheat is planted). If spring planting is called for, it will be done in March or April weather permitting after the last frost. Both periods assure there will be adequate residual ground moisture available for the newly planted seeds.

### GRASSES

The following seed mix was developed by the El Paso County NRCS office to be used by Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC.

Non-Irrigated grass seed recommendation

Seed Ra	ite PLS/acre
Sideoats grama (Vaughn)	0.91
Sand dropseed (common)	0.01
Little Bluestem (camper)	0.67
Western Wheatgrass (Arriba)	1.60
Sand Bluestem (Chet)	0.79
Prairie Sandreed(goshen)	0.32
Yellow indiangrass (Cheyenn	ne) 1.02
Switchgrass (blackwell)	1.12
Green needlegrass (lodorm)	0.48
Indian ricegrass (Nexpar)	1.11
Purple prairie clover	0.03
Four-wing saltbush	1.00
Winterfat	0.02
	9.08

Using this mixture, when drilled, will provide approximately 40 seeds per square foot. If the seed is broadcast, the amount will be doubled and spread on a rough surface. The seeded areas will then be dragged or raked thoroughly to set the seed.

Experience shows that on other operations the seeded area will have a heavy cover of weeds after the first year. The inclusion of winter wheat will reduce this probability. It will tend to shade the seedbed, retain snow in the winter and act as a

wind break for the newly emerging grasses. The second year there are fewer weeds as the grasses start to take hold. By the third year the weeds are mostly gone and the grass has established itself so it will grow in future years.

### WEED CONTROL

The revegetated areas will be monitored closely each spring for the first two years to determine if noxious weeds are invading the area. Ellicott Sand & Gravel, will implement a weed monitoring and control plan for the mine and have included a copy in the Appendix for your review. The operator will be responsible for weed control on the areas around and in the active mine area. The landowner will be responsible for weed control on the undisturbed area.

Weed control will be initiated if the problem becomes serious or if an excessive weed cover is still present at the end of the second year. In no way should this be taken to mean that we will try to eradicate all the weeds from the site. Total eradication of weeds from the site is not necessarily desirable, so we will be using controls on the noxious weeds and letting the rest grow in select areas for limited times as long as they do not hamper the grass growth. It may be necessary to control weeds by mowing after the first year, the feasibility of chemical weed control methods will be studied should other forms not work. Control of noxious weeds is important to the state so USDA Extension Service recommendations will be followed to control them.

### **IRRIGATION**

No irrigation is planned for the revegetated area in the pit. It makes the vegetation dependent on water and does not promote a vegetation cover that is diverse and capable of self regeneration. The landowners may wish to use irrigation on areas they redevelop for agricultural purposes.

### RECLAMATION PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The operator intends to mine the property in compliance with the Reclamation Performance Standards of Rule 3. Grading will be done to create a final topography that is compatible with the

intended final land use. Most slope areas will be created by backfilling to the final slope rate. These slopes will be 3:1 and we will attempt to retain the present drainage pattern across the property for those areas not mined. A sign that conforms to the requirements in Rule 3.1.12 (1996) will be in place at the entrance to this facility before mining begins.

The material used to create the slopes will be native material found on the site at this time. All surface runoff from reclaimed areas will be directed into the mine area.

All grading will be done in a manner to control erosion and to protect areas outside the affected lands from slides or other damage. All backfilling and grading will be completed as soon as feasible after mining is completed in any given area. All refuse will be hauled away or disposed of in a manner that will control unsightliness and protect the drainage system from pollution. There are no acid-forming or toxic materials involved in this operation. If petroleum products are stored at the site, it will be done as prescribed by applicable laws. Any storage tanks will be surrounded by a berm or be in self contained facilities adequate to retain any fluid spilled should a tank rupture. In addition, there is adequate absorbent materials on site to contain any spills that would occur outside the containment structure. There are no drill or auger holes on the land. Maximum slopes will be within the limits set forth in the Rules and Regulations of the Board and will be capable of being traversed by machinery.

The operator does not expect prevailing hydrologic conditions to be disturbed. Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC will comply with applicable Colorado water laws and regulations (as the operator understands them) governing injury to existing water rights to minimize any disturbance which might occur to the prevailing hydrologic balance of the affected land and surrounding area and to the quality and quantity of water in surface and ground-water systems both during and after the mining operation and during reclamation. No groundwater will be exposed by mining. Any water used in the operation of the processing plants and for dust control will come from water sources described in WATER-EXHIBIT G.

No dredging takes place at this facility, there are no temporary siltation structures involved in this operation and no mining will be done in a river or waters of the United States. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit is not required for this operation because there are no wetlands on the site that will be disturbed. Retention ponds may be constructed on the site to collect stormwater before it leaves the site. No stormwater will be retained for more then 72 hours and then only after it meets water quality standards. These ponds will be removed when an area is reclaimed. There will be no earthen dams on the mined area.

The mining and reclamation plans consider existing wildlife conditions and final reclamation will not change the area for wildlife use. The mining and reclamation plans allow for the safety and protection of wildlife remaining on the mine site, at the processing site and along all access roads to the site. In general we have found there is little long term disturbance to native wildlife species around gravel mining operations. The big game species tend to use mining sites and newly vegetated areas after operations have stopped for the day. The smaller species tend to move to undisturbed areas.

Topsoil in the areas that are used as sod farm area (average 5 inches) is of good to fair quality, so when it is removed to reach the mineral deposit, it will be segregated and stockpiled. If the topsoil and overburden piles remain undisturbed for more than a year, a vegetative cover using 40.0 #'s-PLS of Western Wheatgrass, per acre of surface area of soil stockpiles. This works out to about 80 seeds/sq-ft, or other means will be employed to prevent erosion from wind and water and keep them free of contaminants so that they remain useful for sustaining vegetation when reclamation begins. The stockpiles will be located in areas where disturbances by ongoing mining operations will be at a minimum, i.e., along setbacks on the pit perimeter or mine floor. The topsoil will be handled as little as possible until it is replaced onto disturbed areas. The operator will take measures necessary to insure the stability of the replaced topsoil on graded slopes and spreading it as evenly as possible. Fertilizer and other soil amendments will be used as discussed in this plan.

### RECLAMATION TIMETABLE

Reclamation will begin once enough area has been opened so that any reclamation completed will not be disturbed as mining progresses. This may take 10 or more years depending on the economic conditions in the area and the amount of material mined. The operator anticipates approximately 95% of the total mined land will be reclaimed by the time mining is completed. A portion of the floor area will be complete, but the area under the plant site/stockpile area will still need work and grading of the final face area will be that last area to be reclaimed. Within one year after the stockpiles have been removed, all resoiling and revegetation will be complete. The area will then be monitored for success of revegetation until it is released by the Board. The operator estimates that, this will happen 3 to 5 years after mining is completed.

If revegetation problems occur before release, an analysis of the site will be made and the area will be revegetated again as necessary. The seed mixture and rates may be revised as needed to complete reclamation, if a modification is required, the Division will be notified prior to making the change. This gives us the most flexibility to complete reclamation successfully.

### RECLAMATION TIMETABLE

			Acres	; ±	
Stage	Years	Total	Revegetation	Road	Undisturbed
		Area			
I	3-5	68.94	58.95	1.11	8.88
II	3-5	214.04	178.18	2.97	32.89
III	3-5	54.39	46.17	1.13	7.09
IV	3-5	24.32	18.39	0.61	5.32
V	3-5	20.80	16.60	0.86	3.35
VI	3-5	268.41	234.34	2.37	31.70
Drainage	LOM	82.81	0	0	82.81
Totals		733.71	552.63	9.05	172.04

### WATER INFORMATION

There are 24 water wells located within 200 feet of the permit/affected lands line. Twenty-two of them are owned by the Schubert Family on or near the property. The remaining two are located just south of the southwest corner. Table G- Permitted Well within 200 feet of the affected lands is a condensed print out of the Well View information downloaded from the State Engineers Office web site. Of the 24 wells, 5 of them are less then 70 feet deep, 13 are greater then 90 feet and the remaining 6 are greater then 300 feet. Map Exhibit G - is a copy of the SEO Map Viewer map showing the permit area, the 200 foot line and each well is labeled with the well permit number from Table G. In addition, all wells are located and labeled on Map Exhibits C, C-1 & F.

Mining will not reach the ground water table. Our review of the drill logs for the 24 listed wells indicates the ground water table on the permit is in excess of 80 feet below the surface except in Stage VI where a single well the depth is listed as 61 feet. As mining progress in this stage precautions will be taken to stay at lease 2 feet above the ground water table.

We do not expect to encounter ground water on this site however if at anytime groundwater is encountered a 2-foot cover will be placed over the exposed water and the mine floor elevations will be adjusted to maintain that depth to groundwater. The 2 ephemeral drainages cross the permit area, Black Squirrel Creek from north to south and Big Springs Creek enters the property from the east where it intersects Black Squirrel Creek. The only time water flows down either drainage is after heavy storm events. The closest stream that has water in it year around is Fountain Creek approximately 20 miles southwest of the mine. The Black Squirrel Creek drainage will not be affected by mining, The landowners have roads that cross the creek bed for accessing their property. The plan is to maintain a 50 foot setback from the top of the bank along both drainage ways to the dig line in areas to be mined.

The operators intent is to minimize the disturbances to the prevailing hydrologic balance of the affected land and of the

surrounding area and to the quality and quantity of the surface and ground water system, both during and after mining and reclamation. We believe we will be in compliance with all state laws, federal laws, and regulations governing water and water rights as the property develops.

We estimate the current water uses at the mine, including, dust control will require 12.0 ac-ft per year. It is will be purchased from the Schubert Ranch, they have water that is permitted for industrial uses. No water will be used for reclamation, nor will the revegetated areas be irrigated.

The pit is a dry mine so will not be dewatered and will be graded such that all surface water runoff is retained on the site for less then 72 hours and all off site storm runoff will be diverted around the permit area.

PERMITTED WELLS WITHIN 200 FEET OF AFFECTED LANDS

	Permit													Completed
Receipt	Number	Permit Status	Contact Name	Township	Range	Section Q160 Q40 UTM x	0 091گ	40 UTN	1× UTM y	Permit Category		Aquifer(s)	Use(s)	Well Depth
						SECTION 20, T14S, R62W	20, T14	s, R62W						
0210820B	25554-F	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	20	SE	NW 55	555616.8 4296	4296433 General Purpose		LARAMIE FOX HILLS	Irrigation	583
480360	6965-FP-R	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	20	SW	SE 25	555420.2 4295	4295862 Final Permit	ŏ	QUATERNARY ALLUVIUM	Irrigation	116
9078901	6963-FP	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	20	SE	SE 55	556365.3 4295	4295934 Final Permit	ď	QUATERNARY ALLUVIUM	Irrigation	130
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9081260	27551-FP	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	20	SE	NW 5	555608 4296	4296408 Final Permit	AF	ARAPAHOE	Irrigation	110
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0258775B	29487-F	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	21	SW	SW 55	556479.8 4296	4296262 General Purpose		LARAMIE FOX HILLS	Irrigation	594
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9081262	27553-F	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	21	SW	SW 55	556497.5 4296	4296200 General Purpose		ARAPAHOE	Irrigation	54
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9079652	15885-RFP	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT BEVERLY & THEODORE	14.0 S	62.0 W	28	SW	SW 55	556494.6 4294	4294510 Final Permit	AI	ALL UNNAMED AQUIFERS	Irrigation	35
9082753	51043-	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	28	ΝN	SW 55	556456.7 4295	4295083 Residential	AI	ALL UNNAMED AQUIFERS	Domestic	51
9084401	93046-	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	28	SW	NW 55	556487.5 4295	4295058 Residential	A	ALL UNNAMED AQUIFERS	Domestic, Stock	332
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0265306A		20528-RFP Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	59	SE	SW 55	555640.1 4294	4294594 Final Permit	ğ	QUATERNARY ALLUVIUM	Irrigation	132
396705	193977-	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	59	SE	NE 55	556405.8 4295	4295019 Residential	2	LARAMIE FOX HILLS	Domestic, Stock	280
0409692A	201026-	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	59	NE	NE 55	556391.9 4295	4295856 Residential	4	LARAMIE FOX HILLS	Domestic, Stock	645
0435035A	212854-	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	59	SE	NE 55	555643.8 4294	4294704 Residential	AI	ALL UNNAMED AQUIFERS	Domestic, Stock	100
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0435035B	212855-	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	32	NW	NE 55	555257.8 4294	4294129 Residential	AI	ALL UNNAMED AQUIFERS	Domestic, Stock	120
9079072	9642-FP	Well Constructed	SCHUBERT RANCHES INC	14.0 S	62.0 W	32	NW	NE 55	555500.3 4293	4293877 Final Permit	Q	QUATERNARY ALLUVIUM	Municipal	96
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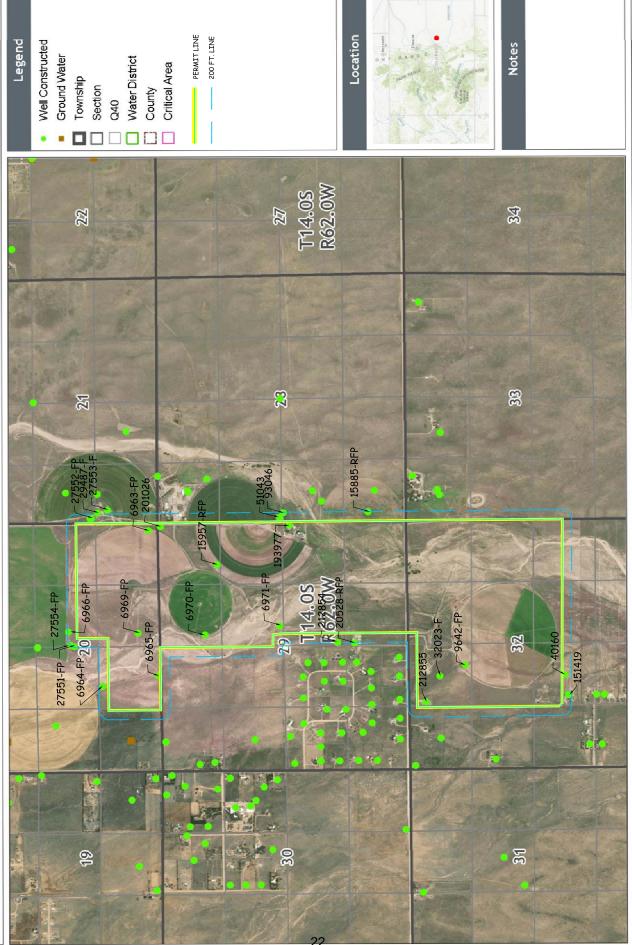
WATER (CONT) **EXHIBIT G** 



CDSS

Colorado's Decision Support Systems

## Map Viewer



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### WILDLIFE STATEMENT.

The Colorado Springs office of the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife (CDPW) was contacted around July 26, 2018 about supplying a Wildlife Statement for this permit application and declined to comment at this time on the grounds that they do not provide the service as described in Rule 6.8.4(1).

Review of the Conservation Status Handbook for El Paso County indicate that the propose permit area does not lie in one of the listed Critical Habitat areas of El Paso County and we find no list of endangered or threatened species for the area around or on the permit area. No raptor nests were observed on the mine during site inspections and in discussion with the landowner they do not remember any being present in the past.

The site is mostly grassland and developed agricultural areas with some ephemeral creek bed running down the central part of the site. The only trees of any significance are located on or around the farm yards on the parcel. There are a few shrubs and scattered small trees on the southern end of the area. Wildlife resources on the affected lands are limited by the existing ground cover consisting of seasonal grasses, shrubs and weeds. Ground cover in this area averages 25% or less, with some areas having little or no cover, only exposed sand.

Not a lot of wildlife have been observed on the area.

Usually it consisted of larger mammals such as deer and antelope that use travel corridors over the area. Some small game species and birds have been observed. Wildlife expected to be found on the property may include deer, antelope, small rodents and mammals, and song birds. There are no known threatened or endangered species on the property.

Existing wildlife in the area is not expected to be significantly impacted by mining at this site. Temporary and permanent losses of food and habitat is not expected to be significant as the area of disturbance will be limited to less then 10% of the permit area at any given time. Haul road speed limits will be limited to 15 MPH or less.

Prior to opening an area for mining, Ellicott Sand & Gravel will make observations of the new area to determine if there are raptors using the site as active hunting areas, over night roost sites or nesting sites. If any are observed, the Colorado Springs Office of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) office will be contacted to confirm the observations and advise Ellicott Sand & Gravel on what actions should be taken to avoid disrupting the sites during nesting times. Ellicott Sand & Gravel, will then take the appropriate actions to prevent disturbance to the nest or roost site. If raptor use occurs or is observed after mining activities have commenced on an area then CPW will be contacted to advise actions that can be worked out to operate the mine without completely abandoning the site for long periods of time.

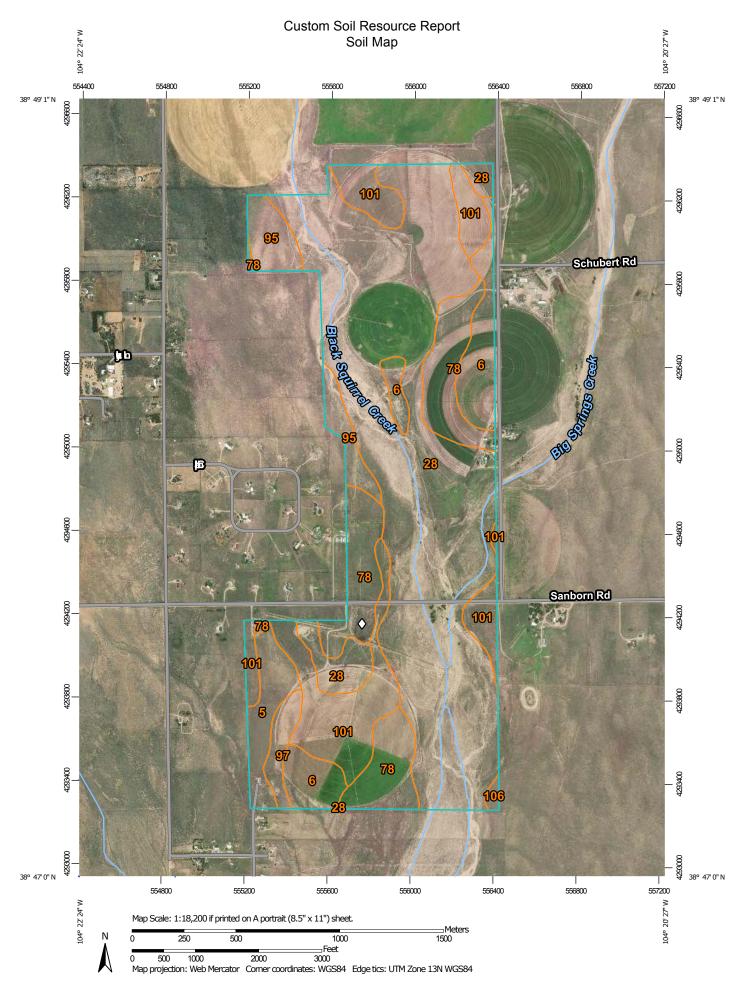
### **SOILS**

### SOILS INFORMATION

### INTRODUCTION

The following information was provided by Mr. Greg Langer District Conservationist from the El Paso County District or the NRCS. Soil units are shown on the USDA map, reproduced on the following pages. The photo map shows the surrounding vegetation features and soil types. This site lies along a north/south trending deposit of sand on both sides of the ephemeral drainage known as Black Squirrel Creek. There are 8 soils types found on the mine site. Underling the soils is a sand deposit with a little gravel intermixed that is 70 plus feet thick. The static ground water table in the wells on the mine site averages 70 feet deep and no mining will take place deeper then 70 ft or minimum or 2 feet above the water table.

Soils information and technical information is provided in the NRCS report attached following this section. The report indicates that the salvageable soil depths vary from 4 to 15 but many of the soils types have 8 inches or less so the average works out to be 5.5 inches. Across the site however the northern area covered by irrigation sprinklers is used for sod farming so little or no actual soil remains on those areas due to the way the grass is grown on a sand base that has organic additives added to make soil for the sod. Any soil encountered in a stage will be salvaged and placed around the outer mine limits as far from the creek as practical for use in reclamation.



### This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Apr 12, 2017—Nov The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000. Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map accurate calculations of distance or area are required. Soil Survey Area: El Paso County Area, Colorado Survey Area Data: Version 16, Sep 10, 2018 Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857) MAP INFORMATION shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident. of the version date(s) listed below. Web Soil Survey URL: 1:50,000 or larger. measurements. 17, 2017 Special Line Features Streams and Canals Interstate Highways Aerial Photography Very Stony Spot Major Roads Local Roads Stony Spot US Routes Spoil Area Wet Spot Other Rails Nater Features **Fransportation 3ackground** MAP LEGEND W ŧ Soil Map Unit Polygons Severely Eroded Spot Area of Interest (AOI) Soil Map Unit Points Miscellaneous Water Soil Map Unit Lines Closed Depression Marsh or swamp Perennial Water Mine or Quarry Rock Outcrop Special Point Features **Gravelly Spot** Saline Spot Sandy Spot Slide or Slip **Borrow Pit** Sodic Spot Lava Flow **Gravel Pit** Clay Spot Area of Interest (AOI) Sinkhole Blowout Landfill Soils

# Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
5	Bijou loamy sand, 1 to 8 percent slopes	26.5	3.6%
6	Bijou sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	52.9	7.3%
28	Ellicott loamy coarse sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	406.4	55.7%
78	Sampson loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	96.2	13.2%
95	Truckton loamy sand, 1 to 9 percent slopes	31.7	4.3%
97	Truckton sandy loam, 3 to 9 percent slopes	12.4	1.7%
101	Ustic Torrifluvents, loamy	101.3	13.9%
106	Wigton loamy sand, 1 to 8 percent slopes	2.0	0.3%
Totals for Area of Interest		729.4	100.0%

# **Map Unit Descriptions**

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a

# Map Unit Description (Brief, Generated)

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The Map Unit Description (Brief, Generated) report displays a generated description of the major soils that occur in a map unit. Descriptions of non-soil (miscellaneous areas) and minor map unit components are not included. This description is generated from the underlying soil attribute data.

Additional information about the map units described in this report is available in other Soil Data Mart reports, which give properties of the soils and the limitations, capabilities, and potentials for many uses. Also, the narratives that accompany the Soil Data Mart reports define some of the properties included in the map unit descriptions.

# Report—Map Unit Description (Brief, Generated)

# El Paso County Area, Colorado

Map Unit: 5—Bijou loamy sand, 1 to 8 percent slopes

Component: Bijou (85%)

The Bijou component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 1 to 8 percent. This component is on plains, stabilized sand sheets. The parent material consists of eolian sands. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is somewhat excessively drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 1 percent. This component is in the R067BY024CO Sandy Plains ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 4e. Irrigated land capability classification is 4e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. There are no saline horizons within 30 inches of the soil surface.

Component: Valent (10%)

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Valent soil is a minor component.

Component: Olnest (5%)

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Map Unit: 6—Bijou sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Component: Bijou (85%)

The Bijou component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 3 percent. This component is on stabilized sand sheets, swales, plains. The parent material consists of eolian sands. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is somewhat excessively drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 1 percent. This component is in the R067BY024CO Sandy Plains ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 4c. Irrigated land capability classification is 3e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. There are no saline horizons within 30 inches of the soil surface.

Component: Valent (10%)

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Component: Olnest (5%)

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Map Unit: 28—Ellicott loamy coarse sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes

Component: Ellicott (85%)

The Ellicott component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 5 percent. This component is on stream terraces, flood plains. The parent material consists of sandy alluvium. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is somewhat excessively drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is frequently flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 1 percent. This component is in the R069XY031CO Sandy Bottomland ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7w. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

### Component: Fluvaquentic haplaquoll (%)

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Fluvaquentic haplaquoll soil is a minor component.

### Component: Other soils (%)

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### Component: Pleasant (%)

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Map Unit: 78—Sampson loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

### Component: Sampson (90%)

The Sampson component makes up 90 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 3 percent. This component is on alluvial fans, terraces, depressions. The parent material consists of alluvium. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is high. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 4 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 3c. Irrigated land capability classification is 2e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. The calcium carbonate equivalent within 40 inches, typically, does not exceed 8 percent.

### Component: Pleasant (%)

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Component: Other soils (%)

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Map Unit: 95—Truckton loamy sand, 1 to 9 percent slopes

Component: Truckton (85%)

The Truckton component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 1 to 9 percent. This component is on flats, uplands, hills. The parent material consists of arkosic alluvium derived from sedimentary rock and/or arkosic residuum weathered from sedimentary rock. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. This component is in the R049BY210CO Sandy Foothill ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 6e. Irrigated land capability classification is 4e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Component: Other soils (%)

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Component: Pleasant (%)

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Map Unit: 97—Truckton sandy loam, 3 to 9 percent slopes

Component: Truckton (85%)

The Truckton component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 3 to 9 percent. This component is on backslopes of hills on uplifted piedmonts, sideslopes of interfluves on uplifted piedmonts. The parent material consists of re-worked alluvium derived from arkose. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is moderate. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 2 percent. This component is in the R049BY210CO Sandy Foothill ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 6e. Irrigated land capability classification is 6e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. There are no saline horizons within 30 inches of the soil surface.

Component: Blakeland (8%)

The Blakeland component makes up 8 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 3 to 9 percent. This component is on shoulders and backslopes of hills on uplifted piedmonts, sideslopes and crests of interfluves on uplifted piedmonts. The parent material consists of alluvium and/or eolian deposits derived from arkose. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is somewhat excessively drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrinkswell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 2 percent. This component is in the R049BY210CO Sandy Foothill ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 6s. Irrigated land capability classification is 6s. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. There are no saline horizons within 30 inches of the soil surface.

### Component: Bresser (7%)

The Bresser component makes up 7 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 3 to 9 percent. This component is on baseslopes of interfluves on uplifted piedmonts, toeslopes or footslopes of low hills on uplifted piedmonts. The parent material consists of tertiary aged alluvium derived from arkose. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 2 percent. This component is in the R049BY210CO Sandy Foothill ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 6e. Irrigated land capability classification is 6e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. There are no saline horizons within 30 inches of the soil surface.

Map Unit: 101—Ustic Torrifluvents, loamy

### Component: Ustic Torrifluvents (85%)

The Ustic Torrifluvents component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 3 percent. This component is on stream terraces, flood plains. The parent material consists of sandy, clayey, stratified loamy. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is moderate. Shrinkswell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 1 percent. This component is in the R069XY037CO Saline Overflow ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 3e. Irrigated land capability classification is 2e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. The calcium carbonate equivalent within 40 inches, typically, does not exceed 6 percent. There are no saline horizons within 30 inches of the soil surface.

Component: Pleasant (%)

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Component: Other soils (%)

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Map Unit: 106—Wigton loamy sand, 1 to 8 percent slopes

Component: Wigton (85%)

The Wigton component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 1 to 8 percent. This component is on uplands, dunes. The parent material consists of noncalcareous, dune-like sandy eolian deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is excessively drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 2 percent. This component is in the R069XY019CO Deep Sand ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 6e. Irrigated land capability classification is 4e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Component: Pleasant (%)

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Component: Other soils (%)

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### **Data Source Information**

Soil Survey Area: El Paso County Area, Colorado Survey Area Data: Version 15, Oct 10, 2017

## El Paso County Area, Colorado

### 5—Bijou loamy sand, 1 to 8 percent slopes

### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 2tqxq Elevation: 4,000 to 5,300 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 14 to 16 inches Mean annual air temperature: 50 to 54 degrees F

Frost-free period: 130 to 170 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

### **Map Unit Composition**

Bijou and similar soils: 85 percent Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

### **Description of Bijou**

### Setting

Landform: Sand sheets

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Eolian sands

### **Typical profile**

A - 0 to 4 inches: loamy sand AB - 4 to 9 inches: loamy sand Bt - 9 to 36 inches: sandy loam BC - 36 to 50 inches: loamy sand C - 50 to 79 inches: loamy sand

### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 1 to 8 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Natural drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Salinity, maximum in profile: Nonsaline (0.1 to 0.2 mmhos/cm) Available water storage in profile: Low (about 5.6 inches)

### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### **Minor Components**

### Valent

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Landform: Sand sheets

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: Deep Sand (R067BY015CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### **Olnest**

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Hillslopes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### 6—Bijou sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2tqxr Elevation: 5,700 to 6,200 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 14 to 16 inches Mean annual air temperature: 50 to 54 degrees F

Frost-free period: 130 to 170 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil

erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60

### **Map Unit Composition**

Bijou and similar soils: 85 percent Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

### **Description of Bijou**

### Setting

Landform: Swales, sand sheets

Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit Landform position (three-dimensional): Interfluve

Down-slope shape: Linear

Across-slope shape: Concave, linear Parent material: Eolian sands

### Typical profile

A - 0 to 4 inches: sandy loam

Bt1 - 4 to 8 inches: sandy loam
Bt2 - 8 to 21 inches: sandy loam
Bw - 21 to 28 inches: sandy loam
C - 28 to 79 inches: loamy coarse sand

### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Natural drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Salinity, maximum in profile: Nonsaline (0.1 to 0.2 mmhos/cm) Available water storage in profile: Low (about 5.0 inches)

### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4c

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### **Minor Components**

### Valent

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Landform: Sand sheets

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Ecological site: Deep Sand (R067BY015CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### Olnest

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Swales

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Concave

Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### 28—Ellicott loamy coarse sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 3680 Elevation: 5.500 to 6.500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 15 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 47 to 50 degrees F

Frost-free period: 125 to 145 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

### **Map Unit Composition**

Ellicott and similar soils: 85 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

### **Description of Ellicott**

### Setting

Landform: Flood plains, stream terraces
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Sandy alluvium

### Typical profile

A - 0 to 4 inches: loamy coarse sand

C - 4 to 60 inches: stratified coarse sand to sandy loam

### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 5 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Natural drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (5.95

to 19.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: Frequent Frequency of ponding: None

Available water storage in profile: Low (about 4.1 inches)

### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7w

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: Sandy Bottomland LRU's A & B (R069XY031CO)

Other vegetative classification: SANDY BOTTOMLAND (069AY031CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### **Minor Components**

### Fluvaquentic haplaquoll

Percent of map unit: Landform: Swales Hydric soil rating: Yes

### Other soils

Percent of map unit: Hydric soil rating: No

### **Pleasant**

Percent of map unit: Landform: Depressions Hydric soil rating: Yes

### 78—Sampson loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 369s Elevation: 5,500 to 6,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 15 inches Mean annual air temperature: 47 to 50 degrees F

Frost-free period: 135 to 155 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated

### **Map Unit Composition**

Sampson and similar soils: 90 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

### **Description of Sampson**

### Setting

Landform: Depressions, alluvial fans, terraces

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium

### Typical profile

A - 0 to 15 inches: loam

Bt - 15 to 34 inches: clay loam

Bk - 34 to 60 inches: sandy clay loam

### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Natural drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to

high (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile: 15 percent

Salinity, maximum in profile: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0

mmhos/cm)

Available water storage in profile: High (about 9.2 inches)

### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3c

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: Loamy Foothill (R049BY202CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### **Minor Components**

### Other soils

Percent of map unit: Hydric soil rating: No

### **Pleasant**

Percent of map unit: Landform: Depressions Hydric soil rating: Yes

### 95—Truckton loamy sand, 1 to 9 percent slopes

### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 36bd Elevation: 6,000 to 7,000 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 14 to 16 inches Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 50 degrees F

Frost-free period: 125 to 145 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

### **Map Unit Composition**

Truckton and similar soils: 85 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

### **Description of Truckton**

### Setting

Landform: Hills, flats

Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, talf

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Arkosic alluvium derived from sedimentary rock and/or arkosic

residuum weathered from sedimentary rock

### Typical profile

A - 0 to 8 inches: loamy sand Bt - 8 to 24 inches: sandy loam

C - 24 to 60 inches: coarse sandy loam

### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 1 to 9 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Natural drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 6.00

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Available water storage in profile: Low (about 5.4 inches)

### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: Sandy Foothill (R049BY210CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### **Minor Components**

### Other soils

Percent of map unit: Hydric soil rating: No

### **Pleasant**

Percent of map unit: Landform: Depressions Hydric soil rating: Yes

### 97—Truckton sandy loam, 3 to 9 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 2x0j2 Elevation: 5,300 to 6,850 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 14 to 19 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F

Frost-free period: 85 to 155 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

### **Map Unit Composition**

Truckton and similar soils: 85 percent *Minor components:* 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

### **Description of Truckton**

### Setting

Landform: Interfluves, hillslopes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Re-worked alluvium derived from arkose

### Typical profile

A - 0 to 4 inches: sandy loam

Bt1 - 4 to 12 inches: sandy loam

Bt2 - 12 to 19 inches: sandy loam

C - 19 to 80 inches: sandy loam

### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 3 to 9 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Natural drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile: 1 percent

Salinity, maximum in profile: Nonsaline (0.1 to 1.9 mmhos/cm) Available water storage in profile: Moderate (about 6.6 inches)

### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: Sandy Foothill (R049BY210CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### **Minor Components**

### Blakeland

Percent of map unit: 8 percent Landform: Interfluves, hillslopes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder, backslope, summit

Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, crest

Down-slope shape: Linear, convex Across-slope shape: Linear, convex

Ecological site: Sandy Foothill (R049BY210CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### Bresser

Percent of map unit: 7 percent Landform: Interfluves, low hills

Landform position (two-dimensional): Footslope, toeslope

Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope

Down-slope shape: Linear, concave Across-slope shape: Linear, concave

Ecological site: Sandy Foothill (R049BY210CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

# 101—Ustic Torrifluvents, loamy

### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 3673 Elevation: 5,500 to 7,000 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 16 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 47 to 52 degrees F

Frost-free period: 125 to 155 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

### Map Unit Composition

Ustic torrifluvents and similar soils: 85 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

### **Description of Ustic Torrifluvents**

### Setting

Landform: Stream terraces, flood plains

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Sandy, clayey, stratified loamy

### Typical profile

A - 0 to 6 inches: variable

C - 6 to 60 inches: stratified loamy sand to clay loam

### Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Natural drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to

high (0.20 to 2.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile: 10 percent

Salinity, maximum in profile: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0

mmhos/cm)

Available water storage in profile: Moderate (about 8.6 inches)

### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: Saline Overflow LRU's A & B (R069XY037CO) Other vegetative classification: OVERFLOW (069BY036CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

### **Minor Components**

### Other soils

Percent of map unit: Hydric soil rating: No

### **Pleasant**

Percent of map unit: Landform: Depressions Hydric soil rating: Yes

### 106—Wigton loamy sand, 1 to 8 percent slopes

### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 3678 Elevation: 5,300 to 6,000 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F

Frost-free period: 135 to 155 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

### **Map Unit Composition**

Wigton and similar soils: 85 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

### **Description of Wigton**

### Setting

Landform: Dunes

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Noncalcareous, dune-like sandy eolian deposits

### Typical profile

A - 0 to 8 inches: loamy sand AC - 8 to 19 inches: loamy sand C - 19 to 60 inches: sand

### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 1 to 8 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Natural drainage class: Excessively drained

Runoff class: Low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (5.95

to 19.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Available water storage in profile: Low (about 3.8 inches)

### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: Deep Sand (R067BY015CO)

Other vegetative classification: DEEP SANDS (069BY019CO)

Hydric soil rating: No

# **Minor Components**

### Other soils

Percent of map unit: Hydric soil rating: No

### **Pleasant**

Percent of map unit: Landform: Depressions Hydric soil rating: Yes

### **VEGETATION INFORMATION**

### Introduction

The following information was provided by Mr. Greg Langer District Conservationist from the El Paso District or the NRCS. The photo map shows the surrounding vegetation features and soil types. This site lies along a north/south trending deposit of sand on both sides of the ephemeral drainage known as Black Squirrel Creek

The permit area consists of mostly rangeland/floodplain vegetation common to this area and river bottom having grasses commonly found along the Black Squirrel Creek drainage. The overall property appears to have had a long history of agricultural use as rangeland, irrigated sod grass areas and for feed crops for the landowners cattle. Approximately 82.81 acres is an ephemeral creek drainage that is subject to periodic flooding; 170.90 acres is cover by sod farm circles; 88.95 acres is feed crop area and the remaining area is grass rangeland. The ephemeral drain will not be disturbed except by roads to cross it as needed.

The attached tables are from the NRCS report and show the typical vegetation types on the different soils within the mine. The seed mix and rates, seeding depth, and mulching recommendations were prepared by the local NRCS office at our request for use on the reclamation areas. The seed will be drilled where possible and doubled if broadcast.

# **Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition**

In areas that have similar climate and topography, differences in the kind and amount of rangeland or forest understory vegetation are closely related to the kind of soil. Effective management is based on the relationship between the soils and vegetation and water.

This table shows, for each soil that supports vegetation suitable for grazing, the ecological site; the total annual production of vegetation in favorable, normal, and unfavorable years; the characteristic vegetation; and the average percentage of each species. An explanation of the column headings in the table follows.

An *ecological site* is the product of all the environmental factors responsible for its development. It has characteristic soils that have developed over time throughout the soil development process; a characteristic hydrology, particularly infiltration and runoff that has developed over time; and a characteristic plant community (kind and amount of vegetation). The hydrology of the site is influenced by development of the soil and plant community. The vegetation, soils, and hydrology are all interrelated. Each is influenced by the others and influences the development of the others. The plant community on an ecological site is typified by an association of species that differs from that of other ecological sites in the kind and/or proportion of species or in total production. Descriptions of ecological sites are provided in the Field Office Technical Guide, which is available in local offices of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Total dry-weight production is the amount of vegetation that can be expected to grow annually in a well managed area that is supporting the potential natural plant community. It includes all vegetation, whether or not it is palatable to grazing animals. It includes the current year's growth of leaves, twigs, and fruits of woody plants. It does not include the increase in stem diameter of trees and shrubs. It is expressed in pounds per acre of air-dry vegetation for favorable, normal, and unfavorable years. In a favorable year, the amount and distribution of precipitation and the temperatures make growing conditions substantially better than average. In a normal year, growing conditions are about average. In an unfavorable year, growing conditions are well below average, generally because of low available soil moisture. Yields are adjusted to a common percent of air-dry moisture content.

Characteristic vegetation (the grasses, forbs, and shrubs that make up most of the potential natural plant community on each soil) is listed by common name. Under rangeland composition, the expected percentage of the total annual production is given for each species making up the characteristic vegetation. The amount that can be used as forage depends on the kinds of grazing animals and on the grazing season.

Range management requires knowledge of the kinds of soil and of the potential natural plant community. It also requires an evaluation of the present range similarity index and rangeland trend. Range similarity index is determined by comparing the present plant community with the potential natural plant community on a particular rangeland ecological site. The more closely the existing community resembles the potential community, the higher the range similarity index. Rangeland trend is defined as the direction of change in an existing plant community relative to the potential natural plant community. Further information about the range similarity index and rangeland trend is available in the "National Range and Pasture Handbook," which is available in local offices of NRCS or on the Internet.

The objective in range management is to control grazing so that the plants growing on a site are about the same in kind and amount as the potential natural plant community for that site. Such management generally results in the optimum production of vegetation, control of undesirable brush species, conservation of water, and control of erosion. Sometimes, however, an area with a range similarity index somewhat below the potential meets grazing needs, provides wildlife habitat, and protects soil and water resources.

### Reference:

United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, National range and pasture handbook.

# Report—Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition

Map unit symbol and soil name	Ecological site	Total	Total dry-weight production	ction	Characteristic vegetation	Rangeland
	4	Favorable year	Normal year	Unfavorable year	+ 1	composition
		Lb/ac	Lb/ac	Lb/ac		Pct
5—Bijou loamy sand, 1 to 8 percent slopes						
Bijou	Sandy Plains	2,200	1,650	800	Blue grama	25
					Prairie sandreed	25
					Little bluestem	10
					Sideoats grama	10
					Needleandthread	cu.
					Switchgrass	വ
					Sand bluestem	n n
					Sand sagebrush	т
Valent	Deep Sand	2,400	1,850	1,200	Sand bluestem	25
					Prairie sandreed	20
					Switchgrass	20
					Indiangrass	80
					Western sandcherry	LO.
					Little bluestem	ις.
					Sand sagebrush	LO.
					Sideoats grama	ıs
					Blue grama	co.
Olnest	Sandy Plains	2,200	1,650	800	Blue grama	25
					Prairie sandreed	25
					Little bluestem	10

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3/27/2018 Page 4 of 9 Rangeland composition

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county Area, Col	ction	Unfavorable year	Lb/ac			800									800									800		
sition-El Paso (	Total dry-weight production	Normal year	Lb/ac			1,650									1,200					1	I	1		1,200		
ity and Plant Compo	Total	Favorable year	Lb/ac			2,200									1,500					ľ	1	1		1,400		
Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition–El Paso County Area, Colorado	Ecological site					Sandy Plains									Sandy Bottomland Lru's A & B					1				Loamy Foothill		
	Map unit symbol and soil name					Olnest								28—Ellicott loamy coarse sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Ellicott					Fluvaquentic haplaquoli	Other soils	Pleasant	78—Sampson loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Sampson		

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Favorable year   Normal year   Nuffavorable	Map unit symbol and soil name	Ecological site	Total	Total dry-weight production	ction	Characteristic vegetation	Rangeland
Lh/sc   Lh/sc   Lh/sc   Sheegrass   5			Favorable year	Normal year	Unfavorable year		composition
			Lb/ac	Lb/ac	Lb/ac		Pct
						Bluegrass	5
	Other soils	1	1	1	Personal		1
Sandy Foothill   2,000   1,600   1,200   Prairie sandreed   Needleandthread   Western wheatgrass   Sand dropseed   Sand dropseed   Sand bluestern   Sideoats grama   Sandy Foothill   2,300   1,600   900   Big bluestern   Sedeoats grama   Needleandthread   Sideoats grama   Needleandthread   Side	Pleasant	I	1	1	1	1	I
Sandy Foothill   2,000   1,600   1,200   Prairie sandreed   Needleandthread   Western wheatgrass   Sand dropseed   Sand bluestern   Sideoats grama   Sideoats grama   Sandy Foothill   2,300   1,600   900   Big bluestern   Switchgrass   Blue grama   Needleandthread   Sideoats grama   Needleandthread	95—Truckton loamy sand, 1 to 9 percent slopes						
Needleandthread   Western wheatgrass   Sand dropseed   Sand dropseed   Sand bluestern	Truckton	Sandy Foothill	2,000	1,600	1,200		25
Nestern wheatgrass   Sand dropseed						Needleandthread	10
Sand dropseed   Sand bluestern						Western wheatgrass	10
Sandy Foothill   2,300   1,600   900   Big bluestern						Sand dropseed	10
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Sandy Foothill  Sandy Foothill  Sandy Foothill  Sandreed  Switchgrass  Blue grama  Needleandthread  Sideoats grama  Western wheatgrass  Purple prairie clover  Fringed sagebrush  Prairie junegrass	Pleasant	ı	1	1	1	I	I
Sandy Foothill 2,300 1,600 900 Big bluestem Prairie sandreed Switchgrass Blue grama Needleandthread Sideoats grama Western wheatgrass Purple prairie clover Fringed sagebrush Prairie junegrass	7—Truckton sandy loam, 3 to 9 percent slopes						
	Truckton	Sandy Foothill	2,300	1,600	006		20
						Prairie sandreed	20
						Switchgrass	10
						Blue grama	2
						Needleandthread	4
						Sideoats grama	4
						Western wheatgrass	4
						Purple prairie clover	60
						Fringed sagebrush	2
						Prairie junegrass	2

Rangeland composition

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Slimflower scurfpea

Yellow indiangrass

Sand dropseed

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Prairie sandreed

Switchgrass Blue grama

900 Big bluestern

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Western wheatgrass

Needleandthread

Purple prairie clover

Sideoats grama

Prairie junegrass

Slimflower scurfpea Fringed sagebrush

Yellow indiangrass

Sand dropseed

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Map unit symbol and soil name	Ecological site	Total	Total dry-weight production	ction	Characteristic vegetation	Rangeland
		Favorable year	Normal year	Unfavorable year		composition
		Lb/ac	Lb/ac	Lb/ac		Pct
					Switchgrass	10
					Blue grama	2
					Needleandthread	4
					Western wheatgrass	4
					Sideoats grama	4
					Purple prairie clover	6
					Prairie junegrass	2
					Fringed sagebrush	2
					Slimflower scurfpea	_
					Yellow indiangrass	-
					Sand dropseed	-
					Yucca	-
					Mountain muhly	_
					Buckwheat eriogonum	1
101—Ustic Torrifluvents, loamy						
Ustic torrifluvents	Saline Overflow Lru's A & B	2,500	1,800	1,000	Alkali sacaton	30
					Western wheatgrass	20
					Sand bluestem	10
					Blue grama	10
					Vine mesquite	10
					Fourwing saltbush	2
					Switchgrass	9
Other soils		1	1	1		Ĭ
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106—Wigton loamy sand, 1 to 8 percent slopes						
Wigton	Deep Sand	1,800	1,400	1,000	1,000 Sand bluestem	30
					Prairie sandreed	20
					Switchgrass	20
					Little bluestem	S
					Sand dropseed	Q.
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					Sand sagebrush	
					Sideoats grama	ည
					Soapweed yucca	_
Other soils	1	1	1	1		ı
Pleasant	1	1	I	-		ı

# Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: El Paso County Area, Colorado Survey Area Data: Version 15, Oct 10, 2017

Web Soil Survey National Cooperative Soil Survey

General concerns when reseeding a disturbed site.

- 1. Many parts of El Paso County that are disturbed have very little topsoil. When disturbing a site and when possible, any topsoil that can be removed for later use will only help in reestablishing vegetation on the site. As a general rule, removing the top 4 inches of topsoil before the heavy construction begins will be sufficient. The top 4 inches has the most organic matter and may be a store of native seed that when spread back onto the site can help in reclamation. If the site will be disturbed for a long period of time (more than 1 year) provisions should be made to stabilize the topsoil until it can be reused.
- 2. Seedbed preparation since most of the site to be seeded will be heavily traveled areas, compacted areas, fill or material stockpile areas should include several considerations.
  - A. If the area is highly compacted from machinery traffic, the area should be chiseled or tilled to a depth of 1 foot or more. This will break up most hard pan layers that were created and permit greater water infiltration and root penetration. After such renovation the site should be disked and dragged and mildly compacted to provide seedbed that is smooth and relatively flat. The seedbed should be well settled and friable enough to permit placement of seed at the recommended seeding depth. Optimum firmness is when approximately a one-half inch deep boot print is left after walking across the prepared site.
  - B. The seedbed should be as rock and weed-free as possible. If heavy weed invasion has already occurred on the site to be seeded, weed control will be necessary to control the weeds and prevent the existing vegetation from competing with the new seeding. Mowing would be recommended until the new grass stand is established. Herbicide application should be avoided for the first couple years as it could kill many of the new plants that are trying to establish. The county weed control specialist would be a good source of information on the best chemical to use when the time comes. Areas that have been totally denuded of topsoil should be considered for a topsoil application. If possible, a topdressing of topsoil at least 4 inches thick should be applied and worked into the existing soil material on site. This will greatly increase the chances of establishing vegetation on the site.
  - C. If fertilizer were specified, I would recommend that an application of 20 lbs per acre of phosphorus and 20 lbs per acre of nitrogen be applied and worked into the soil before seeding. If you are concerned that fertilizer is the limiting element in a successful seeding, I would recommend a soil test to determine need.
  - D. Prior to topsoil spreading, any banks or other slopes of moderate or greater degree should be worked within reason to provide as minimal a slope as possible, preferably 3:1 or flatter. If steeper slopes are to be reseeded you need to

consider an erosion control blanket to cover the slope to prevent rilling and loss of topsoil and seed that has been applied.

- 3. Seeding should preferably be accomplished using an appropriate grass drill. The drill should be equipped with a satisfactory seed-feeding mechanism, agitator, double disc openers with depth bands and packer wheels or drag chains. Distances between drill rows should not exceed 12 inches. The best results are from a seed drill that has an 8 inch spacing between drill rows. Seed may be broadcast if the site is not accessible to a grass drill. Broadcast rates will be double the drill rates. The broadcast seed should be covered 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch deep rake in. Care should be taken not to cover the seed over 3/4 of an inch since it will probably not be able to germinate and emerge at deeper depths. If the soil is frozen seeding should wait until the site can be drilled or broadcast and the seed covered to the required depth. Hydro mulching might be a consideration on some sites that are difficult to reseed. I would recommend that two operations be applied with hydro mulching. The seed applied first and the mulch in the second operation. If the seeding operation is done all at once I would ask the applicator for some assurances of success when applying the seed by hydro mulch.
- 4. The timing of the seeding should also be considered. Best results are with late fall seeding before the ground freezes. Spring application will work but it may take longer to get a stand of grass that holds the ground. Seeding should not occur from May 15th to the middle of October unless supplemental water is available to germinate the newly seeded area. Supplemental water could be applied at a rate sufficient to keep plants from stressing once they are germinated. Apply about an inch of water per application during the first growing season dependent on the amount of natural moisture received.
- 5. Upon completion of the seeding operation the site should be covered with weed free mulch at the rate of 4,000 lbs to the acre and be crimped into the soil to prevent the straw from being blown off the site. Mulches will provide a more humid environment for the seeding to become established, help in providing wind erosion protection and conserve existing soil moisture. I would recommend oat or wheat straw as a mulch.
- 6. Weed control for the first two seasons should be considered as part of the seeding operation. Mowing during the first growing season when the weeds are approximately 6 inches high will help in establishing the newly seeded area. Native grass seeding takes from 2 to 4 years to get firmly established depending on the species selected.



# **Grass Seeding Planned and Applied Worksheet**

### Grass Seeding PART I - Planned

Cooperator	Ellicott Sa	and and Gravel		Date	3/28/18			
Tract/Field No	Schube	ert Gravel Pit	On the second	Acres	750			
Soil Survey Area	E	l Paso		Map Unit (s) Elli	cott Loamy course sand 0 to 5 percen			
Contract No.		NA		CIN	NA			
Seeding dates	dormant sug	ggested		Purpose	Other			
Seedbed preparation	Intensive: more to operation			Seed rate	Critical Area Planting drilled (40 seeds/sq ft)			
Drill type	grass	S	Acre	s to be seeded	750.00			
Planting depth-Drill spacing (in)	1/4-1/2 in, 6-8	in spacing						
	N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	A Nutrient M	A Nutrient Management Plan is not required for the			
Planned fertilizer application (lb/ac)	0	0	0	establishme	nt of vegetative conservation practices.			
Planned weed	Description	Tillag	В	Attach WII	N-PST Soil-Pesticide Interaction Risk			
control activities	Date(s)	mowing as r	eeded	Report fo	or all chemical suppression activities			
Planned residue	Туре	Cereal grain	n straw					
cover or mulch	Amount (lb/ac)	4000						
A	pplication method	straw spre	ader					

### Seed Mix Recommendation, † ‡

(PLS = Pure Live Seed)

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Common name N=native, l=introduced		Genus, species	Recommended Cultivar	% of seed mix	Total Pounds PLS	Pounds PLS per acre
Grasses, forbs						
Grama, Sideoats	N	Bouteloua curtipendula	Vaughn	10.0	682.50	0.91
Sand dropseed	N	Sporobolus cryptandrus	Common	1.5	5.63	0.01
Bluestem, Little	N	Schizachyrium scoparium	Camper	10.0	502.50	0.67
Wheatgrass, Western	N	Pascopyrum smithii	Arriba	10.0	1200.00	1.60
Bluestem, Sand	N	Andropogon hallii	Chet	5.0	592.50	0.79
Prairie sandreed	N	Calimovilfa longifolia	Goshen	5.0	240.00	0.32
Yellow indiangrass	N	Sorghastrum nutans	Cheyenne	10.0	765.00	1.02
Switchgrass	N	Panicum virgatum	Blackwell	28.0	840.00	1.12
Green needlegrass	N	Ephedra viridis	Lodom	5.0	360.00	0.48
Indian ricegrass - Nezpar, Rimrock	N	Achnatherum hymenoides	Nezpar	15.0	832.50	1.11
Prairie clover, purple	N	Dalea purpurea		0.5	23.63	0.03
Shrubs (add shrub seed to grass	f	orb seed mix)		100.0		
Four-wing saltbush	_	Atriplex canescens		100000000000000000000000000000000000000	750.00	1.00
Winterfat	N	Krascheninnikovia lanata			15.00	0.02
	L			<b>*************************************</b>		
				Shrubs	765.00	
† Certified Seed is required for a				Grasses, Forbs	6044.25	
Complete a Tree and Shrub E	sta	blishment 612 Job Sheet for b	pare-root shrub plantings	Total lbs PLS	6809.25	***************************************

### **Additional Recommendations**

use dealer recommended cultivars for area.. Certified seed REQUIRED. Rip seed bed to a depth of 24 inches if prior use has compacted soil. Seedbed should be firm, not fluffy. Exclude livestock grazing from seeded area for a minimum of 3 years or until grass is solidly established.

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Seed Rate (Pounds PLS per acre)

CLIMATE EXHIBIT K

Information was downloaded from the Climatology Data-base at Colorado State University. The average Daily temperature is 49.44 degrees and the average precipitations amount is 16.67 inches per year. The Colorado Springs Air Port Station is the closest data collection station to this property (8.9 miles). The data in the table is for the years 1985-2017, most recent published.

Station data Latitude - 38d49' Longitude -104d42' Elevation - 6190

Temperature	(F)
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YEAR(S)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Average	30.7	32.5	39.8	46.8	55.9	66.2	71.5	69.1	61.7	50.0	38.8	30.3	49.4
Max	38.2	39.8	48.0	53.8	59.8	73.3	75.8	74.1	67.3	58.0	45.5	39.7	52.9
Year	1986	39.84	2012	1981	2012	2012	2012	2011	2015	2016	2017	1980	2012
Min	24.3	21.8	35.2	39.5	49.4	60.0	67.3	64.5	56.2	42.7	30.3	18.4	47.1
Year	1988	1989	1984	1997	1995	1991	2004	2004	2006	2009	2000	1983	1982
Years	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38

### Tempurture Average - Maximum (F)

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Average	43.6	45.1	53.4	60.0	69.3	80.2	85.4	82.3	75.4	63.8	51.9	42.6	62.8
Max	53.0	54.2	63.7	66.9	75.0	89.2	91.7	88.3	83.2	73.6	60.0	48.4	67.2
Year	1986	1999	2012	2006	2000	2012	2003	2011	2010	2016	1999	2017	2012
Min	36.2	31.7	45.9	51.5	59.8	72.3	79.6	76.4	69.2	52.8	42.2	28.9	59.8
Year	1988	1989	1983	1983	1995	1982	2004	2004	2006	1984	1985	1983	1982
Years	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36

### Tempurture Average - Minumum (F)

Average	17.8	19.4	26.4	33.4	42.7	51.9	57.3	55.9	47.9	36.3	25.3	17.4	36.0
Max	23.3	25.1	32.3	39.1	45.5	57.3	61.7	59.9	53.1	43.0	30.3	21.4	38.7
Year	1986	1992	2012	1981	1996	2012	2012	2011	2013	2015	2016	2010	2012
Min	11.6	11.8	19.3	27.4	38.3	47.5	53.4	52.5	43.2	30.2	18.4	7.9	34.2
Year	1996	1989	2002	1997	1983	1983	1995	2004	2006	2009	2000	1983	1985
Years	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36

### Monthly Precipitation (in.)

Average	0.33	0.39	0.91	1.43	2.22	2.28	3.07	3.19	1.38	0.80	0.36	0.32	16.67
Max	1.17	2.45	2.42	7.5	8.13	7.79	6.23	7.04	5.91	5.01	2.05	1.05	27.58
Year	1987	1987	1998	1999	2015	1995	2017	1999	2010	1984	1991	1988	1999
Min	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.02	0.33	0.13	0.28	0.12	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.85
Year	1995	1991	2012	2002	2008	1990	2008	2012		2016	1995	1995	2002
Years	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38

### Monthly Snow (in)

Arverage	5.68	5.19	7.31	4.96	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	2.65	4.37	5.75	36.44
Max	28.70	23.20	23.20	19.80	6.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.30	25.90	26.30	18.20	83.20
Year	1986-87	1986-87	1983-84	1994-95	2000-01				2001-02	1984-85	1991-92	1983-84	1986-87
Min	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.70
Year	1994-95	1990-91	1988-89	1991-92								1995-96	2010-11
Years	37	37	37	37	36	36	36	36	36	37	36	36	37

PREPARED FROM DATA PROVIDED BY: COLORADO CLIMATE CENTER, DEPT. OF ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE, COLORADO STATE FT. COLLINS, CO 80523, (303)491-8545. DOWN LOADED FROM DATABASE - March 27, 2018

### **RECLAMATION COSTS**

The following Reclamation Cost estimate is based on the assumption that there will be restricted no more than 40.0 acres + of disturbance at any-one time, as shown on the Mining Plan Map. mine working face will be 500 feet long by an average of 35 feet high and would need cut/fill sloped at 14.16 yd/lft. Finish sloping on the 1,675 feet of partially backfilled 2:1 slopes that averages 35 feet high at 5.68 yd/lft to complete the 3:1 slopes. The 30 acres will then be resoiled with an average of 5.5 inches of soil using a scraper to spread it and a blade to shape the seed bed. At that time we will have to respread 22,185 cubic yards of topsoil and move 16,600 cy of cut\fill sloping along the working face. The remaining 10 acres are partially reclaimed and are awating grass to grow so may only need reseeding. The table below outlines the various areas of disturbance at the time explained above. A D8N dozer is used to do the cut/fill sloping, a 631G scraper will resoil and couplet bank sloping and a 140G Blade is used to shape the reclamation area. The mobilization haul distance is 25.0 miles at a average speed of 45 mph. The revegetation cost figure used includes fertilizer, grass seed, labor and drilling costs.

STAGE	TOTAL	SOIL DEPTH
NEEDING RESOILING	30.00	5.5"
REVEGETATION AREA	30.00	
RESOIL @ 5.5"	22,185	CUBIC YARDS
CUT/FILL SLOPING 1/2:1	7,090	CUBIC YARDS
BACKFILL SLOPING	9,510	CUBIC YARDS
SECONDARY REVEGETATION	33%	

### **ESTIMATED UNIT COSTS FOR RECLAMATION ITEMS:**

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1. Revegetation areas includes grass seed, fertilizer
 and labor to drill . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 1,500.00/AC.

2. Re-spreading soil and/or growth media with
 631G Scraper, haul distance 800 ft or less . . . . . \$ 0.583/YD<sup>3</sup> ½/

3. Cut/fill working face 500 feet long by 35 feet high
 D-8 Dozer, push distance 100 ft or less . . . . . \$ 0.533/YD<sup>3</sup>

4. Backfill and shape 1675 feet long part reclaimed slope
 D-8 Dozer, push distance 100 ft or less . . . . . \$ 0.533/YD<sup>3</sup>

5. Shape seedbed 140G Blade at 1.75 acres per hour . . \$ 83.99/AC ½/

# **RECLAMATION COSTS**

1.	Revegetation, 30.00 ac @ \$1500.00/ac	\$45,000.00
1a.	Secondary revegetation 40.00 ac @ 33% *	
	\$1500.00/ac	14,850.00
2.	Resoiling, 22,185 $yd^3$ @ 58.8/ $yd^3$	14,476.49
3.	Cut/fill highwall 7,090 yd³ @ 53.3¢/yd³	4,348.94
4.	Backfill slope 9,510 yd³ @ 53.3¢ /yd³	5,074.61
5.	Shape seed bed 30.00 acres @ \$59.54/ac	2,519.84
	Direct cost Total	\$86,269.87
6.	Indirect costs	11,663.69
	Mobilization	7,015.00
7.	Administration costs	4,896.68
	TOTAL ESTIMATE	\$109,844.08

Recommend bond be set at \$109,900.00

### OTHER PERMITS AND LICENSES REQUIRED

- 1. If an Air Pollution permit is needed it will be obtained if needed.
- 2. We are applying for a Special Use Permit in El Paso County to cover the entire 733.7 acres.
- 3. This is an open pit operation and ground water will not be exposed so a well permit and temporary supply plan is unnecessary.
- 4. A dredge fill permit (404) is <u>not required</u> because there are no waters of the U.S. on this site that will be disturbed by mining.
- 5. A Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) will be prepared for this pit if there is a potential for surface water leaving the site.
- 6. A CDPS permit to cover stormwater runoff is not required, all stormwater will be retained on site and allowed to soak into the sand substrata. If needed a CPDS discharge permit will be obtained prior discharging water.

#### SOURCE OF LEGAL RIGHT TO ENTER

STATE OF COLORADO	)	
	) ss.	<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>
COUNTY OF ELPASO	)	

George Schubert, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

- 1. That Schubert Ranches, LLC, is the surface and mineral rights owner of the property known as the Schubert Ranch Sand Resource. A copy of the deed is available for inspection at their offices in Calhan, Colorado.
- 2. That Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC. is legally empowered to enter upon the subject lands and to conduct mining operations for sand and gravel and other construction materials and auxiliary uses associated with mining.
- 3. That Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC is empowered to acquire any permits for mining on this property with or before the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under the provisions of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act.
- 4. If mining occurs within 200 feet of any structure owned by Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC has agreed to repair, replace or compensate Schubert Ranches, LLC for any damage to the structure caused by mining.

George H. Schubert, Agent

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20/8, by George Schubert as the Agent for Schubert Ranches, LLC.

CHRISTINE WILSON
Notary Public
State of Colorado
Notary ID # 20094028750
My Commission Expires 11-10-2021

Christine Wilson
Notary Public

My commission expires:

11-10-2021

(notarial seal)

#### OWNERS OF RECORD OF AFFECTED LAND - SURFACE AREA

#### SURFACE AREA, SUBSTANCE TO BE MINED

El Paso records as of 11/28/18

Schubert Ranches LLC 1555 S. Baggett Road Calhan, CO 80808-7808

#### ADJOINING OWNERS AND OWNERS WITHIN 200 FEET

Schubert Ranches LLC Benjamin & Makinsey Vallejo 1555 S. Baggett RD 2755 S East Ellicott RD Calhan CO 80808 Calhan, CO 80808

Daniel Fontes Reyes & Fred L Doris J. Hays
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#### RIGHT-OF WAYS OR EASEMENTS WITHIN 200 FEET OF THE PERMIT AREA

County Roads El Paso Board of County Commissioners 200 South Cascade Avenue, Suite 100 Colorado Springs, CO 80903-2202

Electric
Mountain View Electric Association, Inc.
Falcon Operations Center
11140 E. Woodmen Rd.
Falcon, CO

Telephone/communications Centurylink 8400 East Crescent Parkway, Suite 600 Greenwood Village, CO 80111

#### **MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN TWO MILES**

None

#### NOTICE TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION FOR COLORADO MINED LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT FOR A REGULAR 112 APPLICATION NOTICE TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EL PASO COUNTY

Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC (Operator) has applied for a Construction Materials Regular 112 Reclamation Permit from the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board ("the Board") known as the Schubert Ranch Sand Resource, to conduct mining operation in El Paso County. The attached information is being provided to notify you of the location and nature of the proposed operation. The entire application is on file with the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety ("the Division") and the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder, Citizens Service Center, 1675 West Garden of the Gods Rd., Suite 2201, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

The applicant proposes to reclaim the land as rangeland. Pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-116(7)(j) the Board is required to confer with the local Board of County Commissioners before approving the post-mining land use. Accordingly, the Board would appreciate your comments on the proposed operation. Please note that, in order to preserve your right to a hearing before the Board on this application, you must submit written comments on the application within twenty (20) days after the applicant's last newspaper publication.

If you would like to discuss the proposed post-mining land use, or any other issue regarding this application, please contact Perry Hastings , Ellicott Sand and Gravel LLC,235 Franceville Coal Mine Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80929, (602) 558-0846 or the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, (303) 866-3567.

Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC December 3, 2018

#### NOTICE TO SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION FOR COLORADO MINED LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT FOR A REGULAR 112 APPLICATION NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LOCAL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT EL PASO COUNTY DISTRICT

Colorado Crushing, Inc. (Operator) has applied for a Construction Materials Regular 112 Reclamation Permit from the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board ("the Board") known as the Perrino Pit, to conduct mining operation in El Paso County. The attached information is being provided to notify you of the location and nature of the proposed operation. The entire application is on file with the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety ("the Division") and the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder, Citizens Service Center, 1675 West Garden of the Gods Rd., Suite 2201, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

The applicant proposes to reclaim the land as rangeland. Pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-116(7)(j) the Board is required to confer with the Board of Supervisors of the local Soil Conservation District before approving the post-mining land use. Accordingly, the Board would appreciate your comments on the proposed operation. Please note that, in order to preserve your right to a hearing before the Board on this application, you must submit written comments on the application within twenty (20) days after the applicant's last newspaper publication.

If you would like to discuss the proposed post-mining land use, or any other issue regarding this application, please contact Perry Hastings, Ellicott Sand and Gravel LLC, 235 Franceville Coal Mine Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80929, (602) 558-0846 or the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, (303) 866-3567.

Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC December 3, 2018

#### PROOF OF FILING WITH COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

December 3 2018

Mr. Chuck Broerman El Paso County Clerk & Recorder Citizens Service Center 1675 West Garden of the Gods Rd., Suite 2201 Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Re: Application for a Mined
Land Reclamation Permit
Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC

Dear Mr. Broerman:

We are delivering to you here with a copy of a conversion application for the Schubert Ranch Sand Resource, a Regular (112) Construction Materials permit, to be operated by the Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC. Two copies of the application are on file with the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety (DIVISION OF RECLAMATION MINING AND SAFETY).

This copy of the application packet is delivered to you pursuant to 34-32.5-112(9)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes 1995, as amended, which states in part:

....the applicant shall file a copy of such application for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of the County in which the affected land is located.

Please acknowledge receipt of this copy of the permit application by signing in the appropriate space provided below and returning one copy of this letter to the person delivering the book. Please hold the book for pick-up after the application has been heard by the MINED LAND RECLAMATION BOARD (approx. 180 days).

Yours truly, Environment,	Inc.	
Stevan L. O'B	Brian	
enclosure		
MINE	RECEIVED THIS D ED LAND RECLAMATION E	 referenced mine.

El Paso County Clerk and Recorders Office

#### PERMANENT MAN MADE STRUCTURES

Permanent man-made structures within 200 feet of affected areas are located on all Map Exhibits and their owners are listed below. Colorado Crushing, Inc. has sent structure agreements to all of the structure owners listed below. Copies of the proof of mailing receipts for the structures are attached. No mining in the new permit area will take place within 200 feet of the listed structures until this is completed or a Geotechnical analysis has been provided and approved.

OWNER	STRUCTURES	Agreement (date sent)
Mountain View Electric Association, Inc.	power transmission line and poles along portions of the east & south side of permit area	11/30/18
Schubert Ranch, LLC.	Section 20 - 6 water wells, fences, sprinkler pivot Section 21 - fences, 3 water well Section 28 - 3 houses, 3 buildings, 3 water wells Section 29 - 3 houses, 7 water wells, fences, 3 sprinkler pivots, 13 building, 4 trailer houses, 4 sheds Section 32 - 2 houses, 2garages, 3 buildings, 3 water wells, sprinkler pivot, fences	11/30/18
Daniel Fontes Reyes & Fred L Wiesner	wire fences, house, garage, shed, water well, stock well	11/30/18
Mildred J Duncan	3-strand wire fences	11/30/18
Ariel Loriga De Andres Yorniel Arieshy Rodriguez	3- strand wire fence in SW corner	11/30/18
El Paso Board of County Commissioners	Baggett Road & Sanborn Road	11/30/18
Century link	Telephone/communications along Baggett & Sanborn Roads	11/30/18

#### Notes:

There are no bridges, pipelines, water storage impoundments, railroad tracks, cemeteries or communication antennas within 200 feet of the affected lands.

<sup>1.</sup> Structure agreements will be provided to the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety when received.

Receipts 1 page

#### Weed Control Plan

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC (hereinafter referred to as the Operator) of the Schubert Ranch Sand Resource, encompassing a parcel of land shown on the vicinity map and located in Parts or the S½N½SE¼, S½SE¼, and SE½SW¼of Section 20, and The E½E½ and NW¼NE¼ and parts of the SW¼NE¾, SW½SE¾, and NW½SE¾ of Section 29 and The E½NE¾, SW¼NE¼, & SE½NW¾, and parts of the NW¼NE¼ & NE½NW¾, Section 32, Township 14 South, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. El Paso County, Colorado, Containing 733.7 acres more or less. Construction materials mining operations will occur across all, or part, of the rangeland area on this 733.7 acre mine. The site currently has areas that have been used as a ranch yard complex, an creek bottom and undisturbed areas used as rangeland or irrigated sod grass and hay production.

Recognizing the presence of state-listed and county-listed noxious weeds in the general vicinity of this project area; and understanding the destructive nature of these noxious weeds, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety has required the operator to develop and implement a weed management plan that encompasses the total project area.

The CSU Cooperative Extension office operates under cooperative agreement with the El Paso County government, and provides technical assistance regarding noxious weed management on public and private lands within the county. Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC will do biennial checks on the active mine for any noxious weeds on site. On the area outside the active mine area the landowners will be responsible for weed control. Implementation of this plan will begin in the spring after mining starts and will continue until the state determines that reclamation is complete.

It is not possible to totally eradicate the noxious weeds from the mine since much of the surrounding property is not owned by Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC, nor managed for noxious weed control. These uncontrolled areas are the seed sources for the infestation occurring on the mine. For this reason the Operator will be continually working to control noxious weeds throughout the life of the mine and until reclamation is done.

#### 2. OVERVIEW OF APPROACH TO WEED MANAGEMENT

Weed control is part of the over all property management activities done by Schubert Ranch as part of their good farming/ranching practices. This plan is based on controlling the undesirable plant species and communities, rather than on simply eliminating weeds. Preventive programs are implemented to

keep the management area free of species that are not yet established there, but which are known to be pests elsewhere in the area. Priorities are set to reduce or eradicate weeds that have already established on the property, according to their actual and potential impacts on the land management goals for the property, and according to the ability to control them now versus later. Actions will be taken only when careful consideration indicates leaving the weed unchecked, would result in more damage than controlling it with best available methods.

The plan follows the adaptive management approach:

- First, weed species are identified through inventory of the property and by gathering information from other sources.
- Second, land management goals and weed management objectives are established for the property.
- Third, priorities are assigned to the weed species and weed patches based on the severity of their impacts, while considering the ability to control them.
- Fourth, methods are considered for controlling them or otherwise diminishing their impacts and, if necessary, re-order priorities based on likely impacts on target and non-target species.
- Fifth, An Integrated Weed Management (IWM) plan is developed based on this information.
- Sixth, the IWM plan is implemented in the spring or fall as recommended by the CSU Cooperative Extension local office.
- Seventh, the results of management actions are monitored and evaluated in light of weed management objectives for the management area.
- Finally, this information is used to modify and improve weed management objectives, control priorities, and IWM plans, thereby starting the cycle again.

The premise behind a weed management plan is that a structured, logical approach to weed management, based on the best available information, is cheaper and more effective than an ad-hoc approach where one deals with weed problems as they arise.

#### 3. NOXIOUS WEEDS TO BE WATCHED FOR AT THE Perrino PIT.

- 1. Leafy spurge (Euphorbia eslua)
- 2. Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense)
- 3. Russian knapweed (Acroptilon repens)
- 4. Yellow toadflas (Linaria vulgaris)
- 5. Saltcedar (Tamarix sp.)
- 6. Hoary cress (Cardaria draba)
- 7. Perennial pepperweed (Lepedium tatifolium)
- a. Spotted knapweed (Acroptilon repens)
- b. Musk thistle (Carduus nutans)
- c. Purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria)
- d. Showy milkweed (Aisclepias speciosa)
- e. Russian Olive (Elaeagunus angustifolia)
- f. Bursage, skeltonleaf (Ambrosia tomentosa)
- g. Bursage, wollyleaf (Ambrosia greyi)
- h. Field bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis)
- I. Jointed goatgrass (Aegilopa cylindrica)
- j. Diffuse knapweed (Centaurea diffusa)

The first 7 species are listed as Priority 1 or 2 for control in El Paso County and the remaining 10 are on the State noxious weed list and should be looked for on the mine and controlled if needed.

#### 4. NUISANCE WEEDS THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED

- a. Russian thistle, common name tumbleweed
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#### 5. CONTROLLING ABOVE LISTED WEEDS

All of the above weeds can be controlled or eradicated by using mechanical, biological, or chemical control depending on species. The Operator will have a qualified weed control agent observe the mine for possible noxious weeds and advise the Operator on how noxious species should be treated. Initially it may require semi-annual spraying or mowing to control the problem weeds and digging the woody species, but eventually we expect to revert to an annual control program to maintain the site. Records of weed control activities, including dates work was done; methods used; area sprayed and types/quantities of chemical used if any, will be kept at the Corporate office in Colorado Springs, Colorado for review.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## PUBLISHED NOTICE OF APPLICATION FILING FOR A REGULAR (112) CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS RECLAMATION PERMIT

The Ellicott Sand and Gravel, LLC, 235 Franceville Coal Mine Road Colorado Springs, CO 80929, has filed an application for a Construction Materials Regular 112 Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act for extraction of Construction materials. The proposed mine is known as the Schubert Ranch Sand Resource, (Permit # M-2018- ???) and is located in or near the SW¼ of Section 20, E½ of Section 29 and parts of the S½ of Section 32, T-14-S, R-62-W of the 6th P.M., El Paso County, Colorado.

The date of commencement will be in 2019 the proposed date of completion is December 2100. The proposed future use of the land is rangeland and agriculture. Additional information and a tentative decision date may be obtained at the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Rm 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the office of the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder, 1675 West Garden of the Gods Rd., Suite 2201, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

Written comments to the application must be received at the office of the Mined Land Reclamation Division no later than 4:00 p.m. on the \_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Please note that comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather that the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Ellicott Sand & Gravel LLC Colorado Springs, Colorado

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#### **NOTICE**

This site is the location of a proposed construction materials operation. Ellicott Sand and Gravel LLC, whose address and phone number is 235 Franceville Coal Mine Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80929 (602) 558-0846, has applied for a Regular 112 Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board known as the Schubert Ranch Sand Resource. Anyone wishing to comment on the application may view the application at the El Paso County Clerk and Recorders office, Citizens Service Center, 1675 West Garden of the Gods Rd., Suite 2201, Colorado Springs, CO 80907, and should send comments prior to the end of the public comment period to the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, 1313 Sherman St, Room 215, Denver, CO, 80203

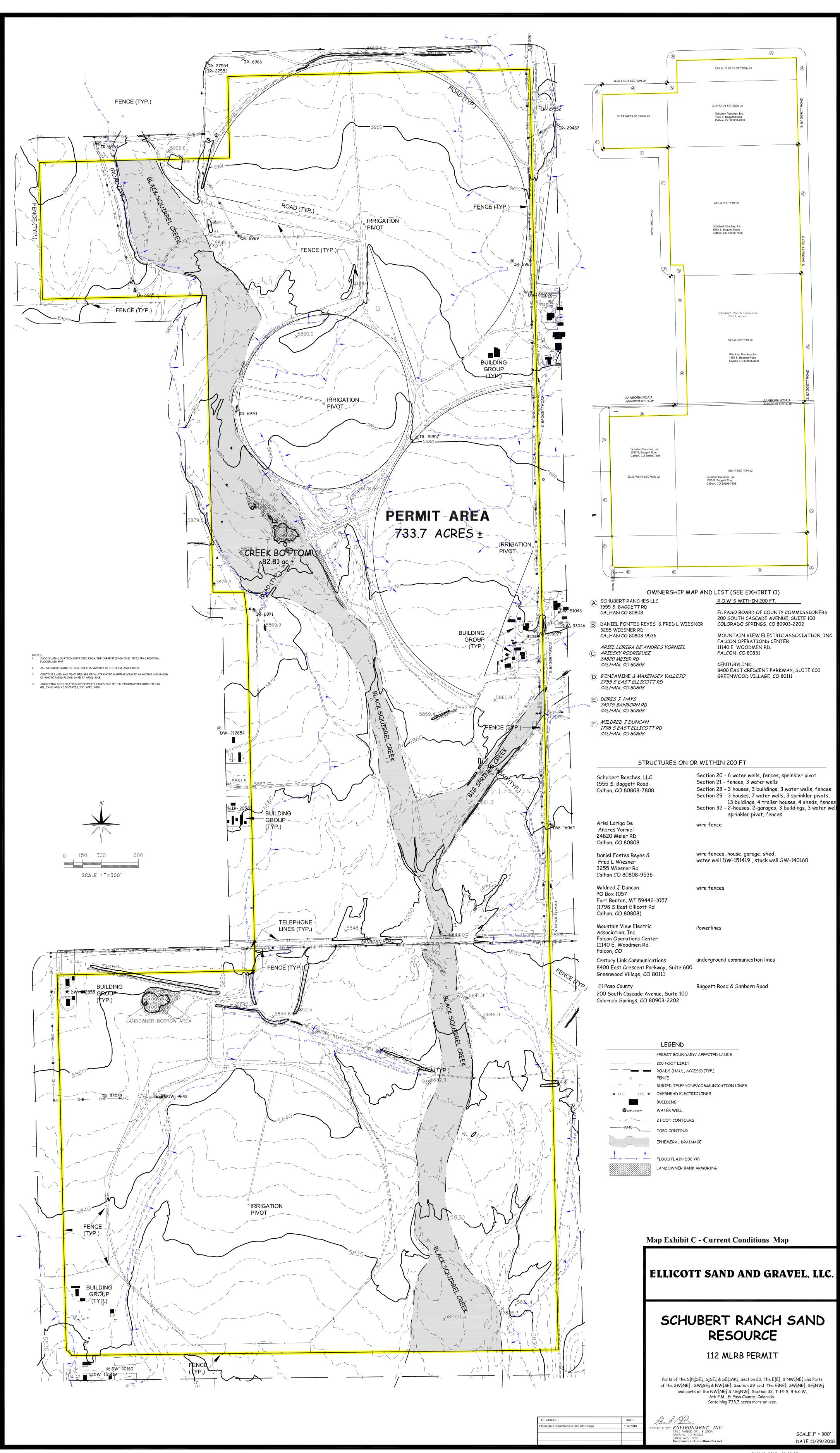
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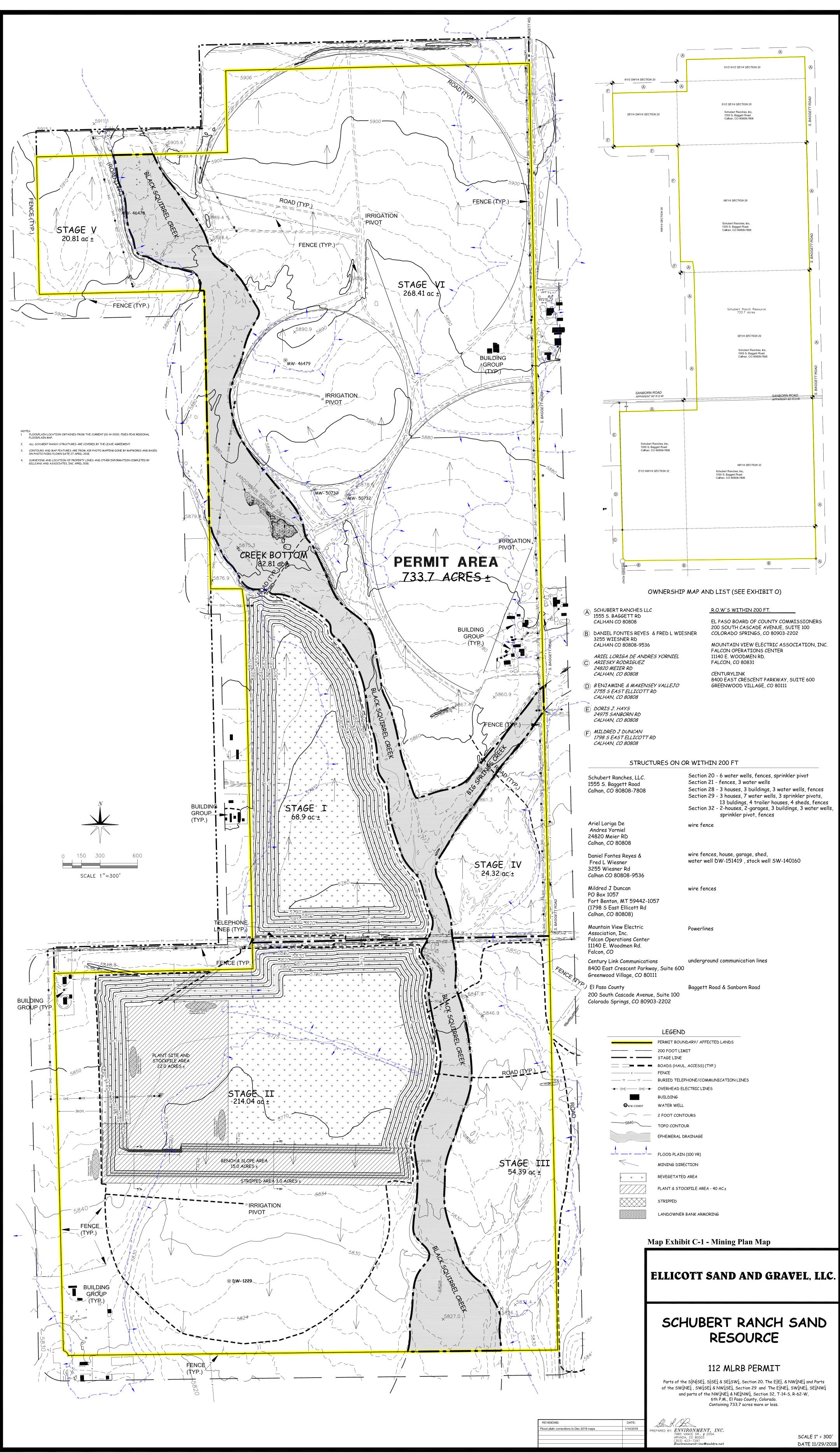
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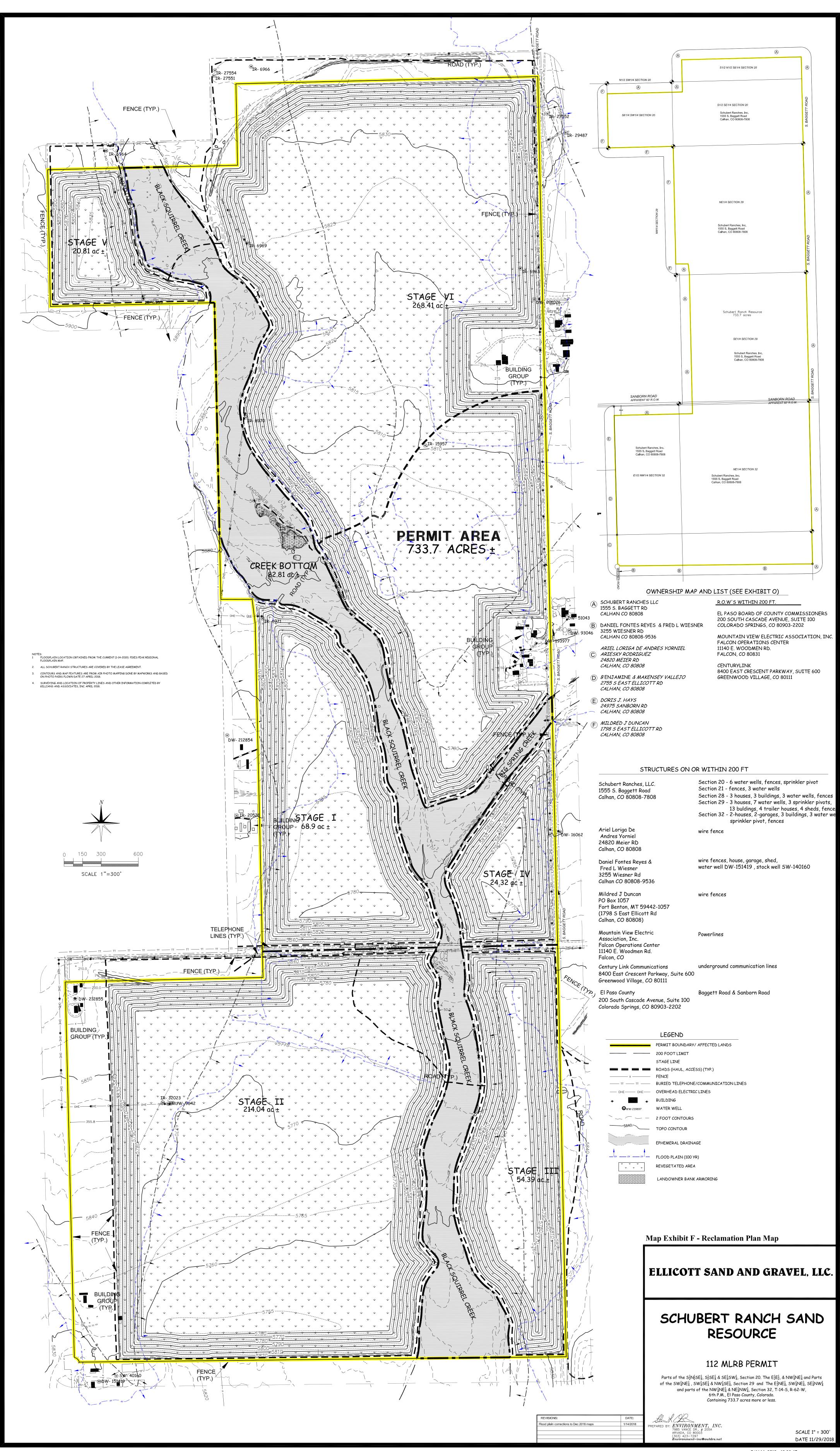
### **Notice Packet Delivery Receipts**

- El Paso Board of County Commissioners proof of packet delivery
- El Paso County Clerk proof of packet delivery
- El Paso Soil Conservation District proof of packet delivery

Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety - transmittal letter







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