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**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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**RE: 2018 Jack Starner Mined Land Reclamation Award for Innovation and Collaboration.**

Dear Mr. Beck,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) and Colorado Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (CSSGA) would like to thank Pete Lien & Sons, Inc. for your nomination of the Rifle Quarry for the 2018 Jack Starner Mined Land Reclamation Awards. The review team has selected the Rifle Quarry as the winner of the Jack Starner Mined Land Reclamation Award for Innovation and Collaboration. Congratulations!

While reclamation and release of the site is not complete, Pete Lien & Sons has shown extraordinary efforts in thinking outside the box to facilitate successful reclamation on a difficult site. Through the innovative thinking of using fish emulsions from a state fish hatchery and the mixing of expended mash from a distillery, Pete Lien & Sons has been able to supplement poor growth medium to support a sustainable vegetative cover.

Pete Lien & Sons had to collaborate with multiple agencies and companies in order to achieve current success. Those agencies and the business that Pete Lien and Sons worked with included the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, DRMS, and the Bureau of Land Management, and Woody Creek Distillery.

The Jack Starner Mined Land Reclamation Award for Innovation and Collaboration will be presented to Pete Lien & Sons on Friday, November 16, 2018 at the CSSGA Annual Conference Luncheon and Awards Ceremony at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Additional information will be forthcoming. Again, on behalf of DRMS and CSSGA, congratulations.

Sincerely,

Minerals Program Director  
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Cc: Ginny Brannon, DRMS Division Director  
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