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*El Paso County
2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80910*

Hale Sand Pit – Natural Features Narrative

The proposed Hale Sand Pit Expansion is located on a 150-acre tract of land and currently contains a 9.9-acre sand mining area located at the southwest corner of the property. The Project proposes to permit an additional 52.5 acres of land for sand mining. The natural features within this 52.5 acres consists of grassland, rolling prairie, Brackett Creek floodplain, and limited wildlife habitat. The SCI Engineering, Inc. Wildlife Assessment Report, dated March 25, 2019, further details the natural features on site and the possible threatened or endangered species on site (“Wildlife Assessment Report”).

The 52.5 acres will be mined in 10-acre maximum blocks. Each block will be disturbed, mined, and then reclaimed before mining activities begin in the next block. Therefore, the natural features of grassland and rolling prairies will be restored once mining activities are completed. Likewise, the Wildlife Assessment Report determined that the “project site is unlikely to contain areas considered to be suitable habitat” for the state or federally threatened and endangered species. Therefore, it is unlikely that mining operations will negatively impact the limited wildlife habitat on site.

Sincerely,
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Heiberger".

John Heiberger, P.E.
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