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# *Answers to Questions Generated at Informal Informational Meeting*

*Meeting Held 9/14/21 at*

*Milliken Town Hall Meeting Room*

*Hosted by Loveland Ready-Mix Concrete, Inc.*



# Disclaimer

- *The information presented at the aforementioned meeting and all that contained herein is preliminary in nature and subject to change based on input from neighbors, regulatory agencies and market forces. The purpose of sharing the information is to foster input by interested stakeholders in the permitting process.*



# Acronyms

- *Big T – Big Thompson (river)*
- *CDPHE – Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*
- *County – Weld County*
- *DRMS – Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety*
- *LRM – Loveland Ready-Mix Concrete, Inc.*
- *USR – Use by Special Review*



- *The question is repeated verbatim as listed on the sketchpad or note card submitted at the meeting. Questions are in **blue italics***
- *Answers are in **black MV boli font***

- *Are you aware of any scientific studies regarding the health effects living in close proximity to this type of project long term?*
- *We are aware of several studies associated with aggregate mining, aggregate processing, and the associated health affects (or lack thereof) and will address through County USR permitting process as required*



- *How often are your attempts at mitigation (environmental) being checked? By whom??*
- *The respective regulatory agency determines the procedures for checking that the site complies with regulations*
- *Compliance requirements are addressed through the permitting process*



- *How often will air quality be checked? By whom?*
- *County and CDPHE will address the need for air quality monitoring during the USR and air permitting processes*



- *How will you mitigate the silica and keep it out of the Big T?*
- *Not sure what is meant by “mitigate” however, the permitting process will address air and water quality*
- *Silica*
  - *Is the second most abundant element in the earth’s crust*
  - *Already exists in the Big T as sediment*
  - *Is in aggregate alluvial deposited by the Big T*
  - *Is typically only of concern when crushed in confined spaces*





- *How deep will the ponds be? (this is related to flooding mitigation)*
- *Please refer to Exhibit C in DRMS permitting documents, ponds will be approximately 25 to 30 feet deep adding capacity of the flood plain to carry large floods*



- *Is this project similar/comparable to the one on CR54 close to Ready Mix Plant?*
- *Similar in that it is an aggregate mine that is harvesting alluvial deposits*
- *Different in that LRM will mine the Dunn Pit wet (below water)*



- *Is this a brand new process for mining? If so/not is that process happening on CR54??*
- *The mining process is not new, but not common to the Front Range, and is not the process being used on CR 54*



- *Are you going to be hiring more/ additional people (create jobs) as a result of this project?*
- *Mining the Dunn Pit allows LRM to maintain its mining crew, haul truck drivers, and 35 employees at the Johnstown Plant*
- *No additional employees are planned as part of this project*
- *Construction using this material in northern Colorado will employ people that depend on the work created by this resource*



- *What is the economic impact to NOCO (Johnstown, LL, FE, Greeley) if the project is not approved?*
- *The loss of jobs at the Johnstown plant*
- *Increased costs and reduced supply for concrete and construction materials in the area*



- *Why didn't this happen when the land was bought in the 1990s? (now people in close proximity)?*
- *There are numerous reasons why this project is coming forward now, including economic conditions, existing resources, supply and demand*



- *When did LRM take ownership of the land??*
- *In 1998*
- *This information is available in the County assessor's records*



- *How many trips per day? (truck)-  
37/4?*
- *Currently estimated at 37 loads  
per day, or roughly four truck  
loads per hour*





- *How did the # of days of truck traffic/trips change and why?*
- *LRM used pre-preliminary resource information during the first neighbor conversations held in May and June '21*
- *Subsequent detailed evaluation showed more resource than anticipated*
- *The number of trucks and days is dependent on the verified resource and the anticipated rate of use*
- *Limited operations WERE planned for Saturdays, but to help alleviate concerns, Saturday operations will be removed from future requests*



- *Exactly where is the gravel going to be delivered?*
- *LRM's Johnstown Ready-Mix Concrete Plant on the southeast corner of county roads 13 and 54*



- *Is the truck route that was shown tonight going to stay the same in perpetuity?*
- *It is anticipated that it will stay the same, it's not quite clear from this question if there is a concern over this route*
- *The USR process will dictate the final haul routes outside of the Dunn Pit property*



- *Is there any guarantee that the truck route won't change??*
- *The USR process will dictate the final approved haul route outside of the Dunn Pit property*
- *All LRM's application documentation will use the truck route as presented*



- *When will a traffic study be completed?*
- *LRM will submit a traffic study with their USR permit application to the County*
- *Current plans are to submit at the end of 2021 or early 2022*



- *Who is responsible for maintenance/wear and tear on the public roads?*
- *The County is responsible for maintenance of roads*
- *The USR process will determine LRM's required contribution to maintenance/upgrades*
- *It is not possible for us to predict that outcome at this point*



- *Will the dredging along the RR tracks impair the bed at all? (I.E, flooding)?*
- *This is a great question and we can show the answer is no*
- *See Appendix B of the DRMS permit application for geotechnical stability analysis*
- *The County Floodplain permitting process also ensures no unpermitted rise in the flood levels*





- *How long is the process of beautification for wildlife going to take?*
- *See DRMS application M2021059 for mining and reclamation rates*
- *In general, reclamation begins with completion of the first 5-acre phase estimated at 1 to 2 years from the start of mining, and will continue throughout mining*





- *What does “Temporary” mean? (zoning)?*
- *The USR is a temporary rezoning use that is typically approved for the life of the project*



- *Is there a guarantee that the reclamation will take place?*
- *Yes, there is a guarantee*
- *The DRMS requires LRM to post a bond to complete reclamation as documented in the permit.*
- *This allows DRMS to complete reclamation should LRM fail to do so*



- *Will the trees that line the big T need to be cut down? (photo was shown)?*
- *LRM plans to only remove trees in the active mining or haul road footprints*



- *Where will the water come from? Will that water circulate or be stagnant?*
- *The water already exists as groundwater*
- *Groundwater will continually cycle in and out of the mined cells so no stagnation*
- *See Appendix D of DRMS application for more information on water*

- *Why was this site chosen as it is close to 2 towns?*
- *Geological processes of the Big T created the deposit*
- *LRM ownership*
- *Close proximity to the Johnstown Ready-Mix plant*



- *Will there be a safety barrier during construction to protect humans and/or wildlife?*
  - *Site is fenced with barbed wire and will be posted with appropriate signage*
  - *Pits are mined at slopes that wildlife can navigate in and out of safely*
  - *The Mining Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) develops and enforces safety and health rules for aggregate mining operations*

- *What are the hours of operation??*
- *The USR permitting process will determine final hours of operation.*
- *Current plan is 7am - 5pm Mon-Fri*
- *Saturday hours were intended for limited operations*
- *However, due to concerns expressed at meeting, LRM will not request Saturday operations in USR application*



- *What will you do to protect wildlife, specifically the eagles? More animals: fox, elk, moose, deer, sandhill cranes, bear*
- *See Exhibit H in the DRMS application for wildlife information*
- *We hear and understand that wildlife is important to our neighbors to the north*





- *How would we be notified, for a zoom meeting? Can you put the Zoom info on the written notification?*
- *We are not certain of how DRMS or the County now allows for remote participation in their public meetings*
- *LRM will make this request to the agencies*



- *Who is going to answer these questions- where do the questions go from here?*
- *The above referenced meeting was intended as a courtesy to next-door neighbors to let them know the DRMS permitting documents had been submitted, to let them know how to participate in the process, and to allow LRM to document legitimate concerns*
- *All questions should be answered through the permitting process*



- *Is this a done deal? Are there opportunities for true community discussion? (Would like more information to be shared) notification ?*
- *DRMS, County, CDPHE all have public notification requirements and opportunities for community input as part of the public process*
- *It is important to share all information through the permitting processes so that it is accurate, constructive, and so that it is documented and becomes part of the public record*
- *LRM is committed to sharing how citizens can access all of this information*



- *How will Coulson Excavating land to the west impact this project, or be impacted by this project?*
- *LRM is not aware of any impact this project will have on Coulson's use of the property or of any impact their property will have on this project*



- *What are any prior project violations of LRM with anyone?*
- *LRM is not aware of any “notice of violation” from any regulatory agency on any of our projects or any of our sites*
- *Please share any specific concerns you may have*



- *Can you provide background information on why this project failed to pass 10 years ago? How can we use that information to stop the process now? What is the file number*
- *The previous project that was proposed over 20 years ago was withdrawn*
- *This project was not proposed 20 years ago*



- *Background on previous submittals on this property (history)?*
- *You may search DRMS M1999065 records for the previous application*





- *Will LRM include all of us in this room on next notification?*
- *Names and email address left at the meeting will be provided to DRMS and to the County with a request that they be included in addition to their standard public notifications*
- *It appears there were quite a few people in the room that did not provide any contact information, we cannot insure they will be notified but anyone can send in a personal request for notification*





- *Have there been any studies, do you know of any/done any/will do of any problems that similar plants have had near residential properties?*
- *We are not quite sure what is meant by “problems” or if there is a specific study in mind*
- *You can refer to DRMS application for water studies, the geotechnical stability analysis, and the environmental report*
- *The USR requires additional studies, which will be available after application submittal*



- *Are you going to be developing the LaPorte project?*
- *Yes*

