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Comments: I have additional questions about the proposed gravel pit. Specifically the attached document received through the FOIA request which Pamela Leschak, Mineral Program Manager for NFS in which she clarifies conditions for the "free use" permit Archuleta County is seeking for the proposed Jackson Mountain Gravel Pit.

OTHER INFO:

? R2 Conversion Factor for Sand & Gravel is 3,200 lbs/Cubic Yard. Thus, 100,000 cubic yards (or 160,000 tons weight equivalent) is the upper limit of Forest Supervisory authority for mineral material permits in Region 2. (See Pg 2 of ATT#3 - first paragraph of 2850.43).

- Is 160K tons the amount being considered?

? The permit cannot be issued until the NEPA has been signed (36CFR228.61(c)). The term of a Free Use Permit cannot exceed 10-years (36CFR228.62(b)). There is no limit on the quantity of the permit to governmental organizations.

- If there is no limit to the quantity for governmental organizations (e.g. Archuleta County + NFS), how does the 160K ton limit apply? Also, can the permit be renewed or extended?

A small, minimum administrative fee based on a sliding scale must be charged (even to counties) for mineral permits in Region 2. (Table on Pg 3 of ATT#3). It is usually paid when we issue the permit.

- What is the fee that will be requested of Archuleta County?

? The District will need to decide if they would like to administer the site as an In Service/Force Account Forest Service Pit (i.e. Forest Service pit) or as a Free Use County Pit. There are differences in permitting, reclamation, and bonding requirements associated with these two types.

- Has the decision been made on how the Pagosa District will administer the site?

? A Free Use Permit (with associated, approved operating plan) can include stipulations. An attachment

- What are the stipulations that the Pagosa District will place upon this "free use permit"?