



**REGION 8**  
DENVER, CO 80202

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Ref: 8SEMD-EMB

Via Email

Mr. Jason Willis  
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Re: Orphan Boy Abandoned Mine Lands Project near Mosquito Pass Road, between Alma and Fairplay, Colorado (SSID B8J8 OU 00)

Dear Mr. Willis:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your December 17, 2024 Final Closeout Notice for Trout Unlimited's (TU) Orphan Boy Abandoned Mine Lands Project near Mosquito Pass Road, between Alma and Fairplay, Colorado. I inspected the Site on October 17, 2024 at the conclusion of TU's construction effort. Approximately 2000 cubic yards of mine waste has been addressed.

TU successfully completed the following activities from the EPA-approved July 15, 2024 workplan:

- Mobilize/Demobilize,
- Grade, consolidate, cap and revegetate the mine waste pile,
- Install surface water controls and run-on channels, and
- Install a low-water crossing.

Pursuant to EPA's August 8, 2024, 107(d) letter to TU, EPA finds that the following activities have been conducted:

- Perform the work in accordance with the July 15, 2024 work plan;
- Commence the work by October 1, 2024;

- Provide the name and the contact information for the individual who will serve as the main person to oversee the implementation of the project plan in the field;
- Provide the work schedule at your earliest opportunity;
- Work with the Site's property owner to provide EPA Consent for Access in the attached format by September 1, 2024 and provide EPA with reasonable access to the Site during work implementation; and
- Inform EPA in writing when the work has been completed.

Therefore, EPA hereby issues a Notice of Completion of Work for the Orphan Boy Abandoned Mine Lands Project.

Thank you for TU's voluntary actions at the Orphan Boy Mine Site. The EPA supports TU's Good Samaritan efforts to protect public health and the environment by addressing the mine waste associated with the mine. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me at [mccomb.martin@epa.gov](mailto:mccomb.martin@epa.gov) or by phone at 720-413-9190.

Sincerely,

Martin McComb  
Federal On-Scene Coordinator  
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cc: Amelia Piggott, U.S. EPA R8 Office of Regional Counsel