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READ RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Jerome Chvilicek
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Re: Sheffield Ranch Corp. and Cross Four Cattle LLC Restoration Plan Approval, Administrative
Order on Consent Docket No. CWA-08-2020-0007

Dear Mr. Chvilicek:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Sheffield Ranch Corp. and Cross Four Cattle LLC Restoration Plan (Plan) that was prepared by WGM Group, Inc., on behalf of Sheffield Ranch Corp. and Fred Wacker of Cross Four Cattle, LLC and made available to the EPA electronically on February 5, 2025. The restoration plan was prepared in response to the EPA's administrative order on consent (AOC) referenced above and addresses impacts to the Yellowstone River caused by the discharge of fill material along the riverbank. The impacts occurred in Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 44 East in Rosebud County, Montana on property owned and/or operated by Sheffield Ranch Corp. and Fred Wacker.

WGM Group, Inc., provided a final restoration plan on February 5, 2025, after which the EPA gave verbal notification that the Plan, as submitted, becomes the final EPA approved plan. This letter is to provide you formal notification of EPA's approval of the Plan.

As required by the AOC, Sheffield Ranch Corp. and Fred Wacker must consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to determine if any work to be performed pursuant to the AOC and the Plan requires a permit from the Corps under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Per the Plan, permits may also be required from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Rosebud County Conservation District, and the Rosebud County Floodplain Administration.

If permits are required from the Corps or any other agency, they must be obtained, and copies provided to the EPA, prior to initiating any work that is to be performed pursuant to the AOC and the Plan.

Thank you for your efforts to move this matter forward. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the AOC, please contact Rebecca Little Owl, Enforcement Officer, USEPA Region 8, at (303) 312-6219 or littleowl.rebecca@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Colleen Rathbone, Manager
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ENCLOSURES

1. CrossFourRestorationPlan_BA_020525_FINAL

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