

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Environmental Quality Council   
**FROM:** Todd Parfitt – WDEQ Director  
**DATE:** April 29, 2016  
**RE:** Bond Forfeiture Recommendations for Red Desert Gravel, Abandoned Limited Mining Operations No. 1305ET and 1358ET; and Jim Wise, Abandoned Limited Mining Operation No. 1276ET.

Attached is information relating to the failure of Red Desert Gravel (Mr. Jim Wise, Agent) to reclaim lands affected by gravel mining under Limited Mining Operation (LMO) Nos. 1276ET and 1305ET as well as abandonment of a scoria mine authorized under Limited Mining Operation No. 1358ET.

The operator, Red Desert Gravel, is no longer licensed to do business in Wyoming and the minerals leases have expired for each operation. I have therefore determined that the three reclamation performance bonds posted by Red Desert Gravel/Mr. Jim Wise should be forfeited at this time.

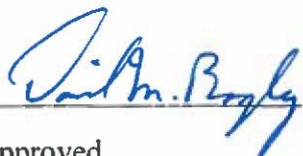
I have determined that the bond for these LMO Permits Red Desert Gravel (Mr. Jim Wise, Agent), 1305ET, 1358ET, and Jim Wise 1276ET should be forfeited. I therefore seek your approval to request that the Attorney General begin bond forfeiture proceedings.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kyle Wendtland, LQD Administrator.

cc. Robin Jones – LQD District I Supervisor  
John Erickson – LQD District II Supervisor  
Rick Fairservis – EQC Secretary

Attachments: Director Parfitt Memo and File Memorandums

8/17/2016  
Date

  
Approved  
Chairman, Environmental Quality Council