



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
SOUTHERN COLORADO PROJECT OFFICE
720 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 205
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August 28, 1998

Operations Division
Regulatory Branch

Mr. Kevin L. Derby
Sugnet and Associates
1060 Main Avenue, Suite 20
Durango, Colorado 81301

Dear Mr. Derby:

This is in reference to your letter dated August 12, 1998 regarding Wolf Creek Ski Corporation's proposed road and parking lot construction in the several wetlands near South Fork, Mineral County, Colorado (Action No. 1997 30254).

The Corps of Engineers has published Nationwide Permits pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 CFR 330). Nationwide Permit No. 26 authorizes discharges of dredged or fill materials into headwaters and isolated waters of the United States, including wetlands. A summary of Nationwide Permit No. 26 is enclosed for your information.

The described project includes a discharge into headwaters. The project can be constructed provided it does not result in the loss of more than 1/3 acre of waters of the United States. It appears that approximately 0.25 acre of waters of the United States will be affected by the project, for which the permittee has volunteered to mitigate by creating 0.2 acre of similar wetlands. The permittee must insure compliance with all conditions of the permit, including submittal of the enclosed self-certification form required by General Condition No. 14. The permittee must also submit a report to this office within 30 days of completing the work (see enclosed form).

For discharges which cause the loss of greater than 1/3 acre and no more than 3 acres of such waters, notification is required in accordance with General Condition No. 13. Discharges resulting in the loss of more than 3 acres of these waters, or in general cause the loss of waters for distances greater than 500 linear feet, will require an individual Section 404 permit. The acreage of loss of waters of the U.S. includes the filled

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