



M Ranch Mine Receives Green Light from St. Lucie County Commissioners

St. Lucie County, FL – Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 – M Ranch Mine has officially received unanimous approval from the St. Lucie County Board of Commissioners to commence operations. This milestone marks a significant boost to the region’s economy and infrastructure. The approval allows M Ranch Mine to begin its development, offering numerous benefits, including job creation, support for local industries, and long-term environmental sustainability.

About M Ranch Mine

M Ranch Mine specializes in extracting Coquina rock, a natural shell rock material, essential for various construction needs in the region. The 80-acre mine will play a critical role in meeting the growing demand for materials such as base rock and sand, particularly for infrastructure projects supporting the rapidly expanding population in St. Lucie County and nearby areas. With 80,000 homes in various stages of construction within a 10-mile radius, the mine is poised to become a vital resource for housing developments, road expansions, and civic projects in St. Lucie County and the Treasure Coast.

Regulatory Approvals

Prior to the Commissioners’ approval, the mine had already been permitted by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Compliance with these agencies’ requirements ensures that operations will not negatively affect agriculture, aquaculture, or cattle. Additionally, M Ranch enlisted a groundwater hydrologist to conduct a comprehensive Groundwater Hydrological Analysis, ensuring there will be no adverse impacts on the area’s water resources.

Environmental and Long-Term Advantages

For extraction, M Ranch will employ "wet-mining" techniques, a non-blasting method that reduces noise, dust, and overall environmental impact. Once mining operations are complete, there’s an opportunity to convert the land into a stormwater treatment area, capable of managing millions of gallons of runoff. This transformation would alleviate local drainage issues, improve water quality, and reduce strain on existing infrastructure. Portions of the property will also continue to support agricultural activities like cattle ranching and citrus farming, preserving the area’s heritage and contributing to local food production.

Commitment to the Community

M Ranch Mine is committed to minimizing its impact on surrounding neighborhoods. The company has worked closely with local residents, commissioners, and environmental experts to address concerns and implement several concessions. These include limiting operating hours,



enhancing safety measures for nearby schools, and adopting comprehensive insurance policies to mitigate any potential effects on neighboring businesses.

"With the approval of the M Ranch Mine, we are not only supporting the rapid growth of St. Lucie County but also creating a sustainable, long-term plan for both economic and environmental development," said Anthony Mastroianni, Owner of M Ranch. "This project is a win-win for the county, providing essential resources while safeguarding the local landscape and benefiting future generations."

Looking Ahead

M Ranch Mine plans to begin operations within two weeks of receiving final approval. A groundbreaking ceremony, featuring a ribbon-cutting and hard-hat event, will mark the occasion. The initial phase will focus on key infrastructure development, including road expansions and the installation of operational facilities, ensuring efficient material extraction to meet the region's growing demands.

About M Ranch

M Ranch is a 2,300-acre family-owned farm and cattle ranch in western St. Lucie County, situated east and west of Carlton Road and north of Glades Cut-Off Road. The ranch's current agricultural activities include cattle ranching (550 head of cattle), row crops (such as corn and melons), beekeeping, and sod. The Mastroianni family is working with sustainable farming advocates to incorporate cutting-edge practices in land management, environmental stewardship, and regenerative farming.

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