STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

Department of Natural Resources

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September 18, 2013

Western Slope Conservation Center P.O. Box 1612 Paonia, CO 81428

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)

Revision: MR-398

Minor Revision MR-398 Updated Exhibit 1 Officers and Directors

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received a revision for the West Elk Mine. The revision was deemed complete on September 13, 2013. The decision due date is September 23, 2013.

The Mountain Coal Company has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk Mine's permit to address changes to the mine's owners and officers. This is an administrative revision. There are no proposed changes in the mines permitted, affected or disturbed acreages. There will be no changes to the West Elk Mine's reclamation liability as a result of this revision.

This revision application is available for review at the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder, 221 N. Wisconsin, Gunnison, CO 81230.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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