

# STATE OF COLORADO

## DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)**  
**Revision: TR-131**  
**Updated Reclamation Seed Mixes**

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 27, 2013. The decision due date is November 26, 2013.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Technical Revision to the West Elk Mine's permit to update their reclamation seed mixes. The revision proposes to change the seed mix to aid in the establishment of vegetative cover on steep slopes, which are routinely encountered within the West Elk Mine's permit area. This revision does not propose to change the mines permitted, affected or disturbed boundaries nor does it propose to create any new surface disturbance. The West Elk Mine's reclamation liability will not change as a result of the changes proposed in 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Stark".

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