

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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October 2, 2013

Town of Paonia
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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda
Director

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: MR-399
RPEE Haul Road Slope Restoration.

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 October 3, 2013. The decision due date is October 13, 2013.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk Mine's permit to make minor changes to the remediation work completed at the HR-1 slide area. These are minor changes that will help decrease the steep slopes and improve drainage, slope stability and erosion protection. The proposed changes are basically at the surface of the slide area and will not entail any major excavation or earthwork. There are no proposed changes to the mines permitted, affected or disturbed areas as a result of this revision. There are no changes to the mine's reclamation liability anticipated 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,

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

James R. Stark
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