

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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October 9, 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-400
RPEE Coble Zone Drainage Pipe

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 9, 2013. The decision due date is October 19, 2013.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk Mine's permit. The revision proposes to place approximately 400 linear feet of HDPE pipe into a cobble zone at the RPEE to help with drainage and stability. There is no proposed change to the mine's permit, affected or disturbed boundary with this revision. There will be no change in the mine's reclamation liability 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", enclosed within a blue oval.

James R. Stark
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