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Board of County Commissioners
Montrose County
161 S. Townsend Ave.
Montrose, CO 81401

**Re: Proposed Decision
Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6)
New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)**

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

This letter is to inform you that the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety is proposing to Approve a renewal application for a coal mining and reclamation permit. The application was submitted by Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC on November 13, 2012, for the New Horizon Mine.

Any person with an interest which may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may request a formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board within 30 days of the first publication of this notice by the Division in the *San Miguel Basin Forum*.

The Surface mine is located approximately 1.7 miles Northwest of Nucla, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows, from the New Mexico Principal Meridian:

Section 25, T 47 N, R 16 W:	SW ¼
Section 6, T 46 N, R 15 W:	W ½ NE ¼; W ½ SW ¼ NE ¼; NW ¼; N ½ NE ¼ SW ¼; N ½ SE ¼; N ½ SE ¼ SE ¼
Section 31, T 47 N, R 15 W:	SW ¼
Section 1, T 46 N, R 16 W:	N ½ NE ¼ NE ¼; NW ¼ NE ¼; NW ¼ SE ¼ NE ¼; NE ¼ NW ¼; N ½ SE ¼ NW ¼
Section 36, T 47 N, R 16 W:	SW ¼; SE ¼

Copies of the renewal application are available for public review in the Division offices at the above address and at the Montrose County Courthouse Nucla Annex. A Copy of the Division's "Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance" is also available at those locations.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcia L. Talvitie".

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