

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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November 4, 2013

Town of Paonia
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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Mike King
Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda
Director

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: MR-402
Culvert across RPE Pond Cells Middle Embankment.

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 November 4, 2013. The decision due date is November 14, 2013.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk Mine's permit. The revision proposes to add a culvert in the portion of ditch DRPE-2 between the two cells of the RPE Pond. The proposed culvert will allow vehicles and equipment to access this area for pond cleaning and maintenance. This area will also be able to be used as a turn around point on the light-use road. There is no proposed increase in the mine's permitted or disturbed boundaries as a result of this revision. Since there is already a liability cost included in the mine's reclamation cost estimate for the removal of the ditch DRPE-2, there will be no increase in the mine's reclamation liability as a result of the change 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
Environmental Protection Specialist
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