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November 5, 2013

Jeffrey W. Fleischman Office of Surface Mining Western Regional Coordinating Center 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320 Denver, CO 80202

Re: Proposed Decision Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6) Elk Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1981-022)

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to Approve Permit Renewal Application No. 6 at the Elk Creek Mine. This decision will become final at the close of the thirty (30) day public comment period, which commences with the initial publication in the *Delta County Independent*. A copy of the proposed decision and written findings is enclosed.

If you have questions or need of additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely, rah Dan s

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Enclosures

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