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Las Animas County Commissioners
County Commissioner
200 East First Street, Room 104
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Executive Director

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Director

**Re: New Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1981-012)
Permit Revision Application No. 4 (PR-4)
Expand Permit boundary about one mile to the east.**

Dear Las Animas County Commissioners:

This letter is to inform you that the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety is proposing to Withdraw a revision application for a coal mining and reclamation permit. The application was submitted by New Elk Coal Company, LLC on February 13, 2012, for the New Elk Mine.

The Underground mine is located approximately 25 miles West of Trinidad, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

T33S, R68W, Portions of Sections 24, 25 and 26 All sections are partially or fully projected by New Elk Coal Company due to the unsurveyed nature of the Maxwell Land Grant. The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle maps of Vigil, Tercio, and Stonewall.

Copies of the revision application are available for public review in the Division offices at the above address and at the Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder. Copies of the Division's "Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance" are also available at those locations.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leigh Simmons".

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