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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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

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 Mr. Fleischman:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to Withdraw Permit Revision Application No. 4 at the New Elk 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 *The Chronicle - News*. A copy of the proposed decision and written findings is enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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