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Alan Boehms
Office of Surface Mining
Western Regional Coordinating Center
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202

**Re: Golden Eagle Mine (Permit No. C-1981-013)
Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (PR-6)**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety hereby issues notice, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, Section 118, Paragraph 3, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, that on December 23, 2013, an application to renew an existing permit to conduct coal mining operations at the Golden Eagle Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Colorado Surface Mining Reclamation Act and the Rules initiate from this date of filing.

New Elk Coal Company, LLC proposes to continue Underground coal mining and/or reclamation operations on land located approximately 20 miles West of Trinidad, Colorado. This renewal application does not propose revisions to the approved mining and reclamation plan, nor is there any proposed surface disturbance outside of the currently approved disturbance area.

The permit area is further described as follows:

In all or portions of Sections 15-22, and Sections 27-34 of T33S, R67W; and Sections 3 and 4 of T34S, R67W.

The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Vigil.

The remaining permit area encompasses 1.2 acres at the former NW-1 ventilation shaft. The applicant proposes activities planned over the new five-year permit term include monitoring maintenance and bond release as appropriate.

The applicant is required to publish notice in the *The Chronicle - News* that this permit renewal application has been deemed complete. At the time of publication of this notice, the applicant is additionally required to place a copy of this application at the Las Animas County Courthouse, 200

East First Street, Room 104, Trinidad, CO 81082, and at the Division office. In order for us to comply with regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted within thirty (30) days of the last publication mentioned above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Simmons", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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