

Public Notice

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, hereby issues notice that on December 27, 2013, a minor revision application (MR-403) to the West Elk Mine, Permit No. C-1980-007, operated by Mountain Coal Company, LLC, P.O. Box 591, Somerset, CO 81434 was considered complete for the purposes of filing. The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk mine's permit. The revision proposes to add a temporary topsoil stockpile, install a culvert in a ditch and line a ditch with a liner instead of riprap. The proposed temporary topsoil stockpile is located at the upper bench of the RPEE. Topsoil was stripped from the next lift at the RPEE but West Elk is not able to haul it to the Sylvester Gulch topsoil stockpile due to weather conditions. The proposed culvert is located in the temporary western clear water ditch. The proposed ditch liner is located in a portion of the west sediment ditch. There will be no changes to the mine's permit boundary, disturbance area or affected area as a result of the changes proposed in this Minor Revision. There will be an increase in the mine's reclamation liability as a result of the changes proposed in this revision. All reviews and comment periods as provided in the Act and Regulations promulgated thereunder initiate from this date of filing.

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