

# STATE OF COLORADO

## DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

**Re: Yoast Mine (Permit No. C-1994-082)  
Bond Release Application No. 5 (SL-5)**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to Approve Bond Release Application No. 5 at the Yoast 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 *Steamboat Pilot*. A copy of the proposed decision and written findings is enclosed.

The Division proposes to approve Phase I, II and III (final) bond release on 6.25 acres adjacent to the intersection of Routt County Roads 27 and 27A. The 6.25 acres remain within the permit area boundary. Since this mine is a federal mine, our decision is subject to the concurrence of OSM, and the signature of an authorized OSM representative is required for release of the bond. Therefore, the Division respectfully requests that OSM notify the Division of concurrence or nonconcurrence prior to the end of the public comment period, in accordance with the agreement dated June 30, 1997, Procedures for Cooperating State and Federal Agencies to Provide Mutual Concurrence on the Release of Performance Bonds from Federal Lands Coal Mining Operations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Enclosure

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