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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 17, 2014

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

**Re: Peabody Sage Creek Mine (Permit No. C-2009-087)
Permit Revision Application No. 1 (PR-1)
CM Extension and Longwall Mining.**

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 April 17, 2014, an application to revise coal mining operations at the Peabody Sage Creek Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

Permit Revision No. 1 proposes a modification to the currently approved Peabody Sage Creek Mining Permit No. C-2009-087 mine plan that includes the implementation of longwall mining methods for coal extraction. The development of panels for longwall mining will require an expansion to the existing approved permit area boundary and will overlay the existing Foidel Creek Mine permit boundary, by approximately 400 acres in Section 22 & 23 of T5N R87W. No additional surface facilities are included in this revision.

The Underground coal mining operation is on land located approximately 9 miles Southeast of Hayden. The permit area is further described as follows:

Township 5 North, Range 87 West, all or portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22; Township 6 North, Range 87 West, all or portions of Sections 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36



Approximately 9 miles south and east of the town of Hayden, CO to the East of Routt County Road 27 at an approximate elevation of 6800 feet AMSL Mount Harris/Milner Quadrangle Map

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

The Division has interpreted 30 CFR 746.18, and requested concurrence from the Office of Surface Mining, to determine that this application as submitted constitutes a Mining Plan Action, and has directed the operator to send a copy of the application materials directly to OSM. In order for us to comply with regulatory time frames, we request that any adequacy comments be submitted to Jason Musick, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, at the above address by 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2014. Please advise us if you require additional information. Should the proposal be amended during our review process, we will consult with you on whether the Mining Plan Action status has changed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Musick", written in a cursive style.

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