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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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Denver, CO 80203

April 17, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Velarde:

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.

Because the above referenced permit revision application would incorporate additional lands into the permit area or might otherwise alter previously approved permit conditions or mitigation measures, we are requesting your agency's evaluation of the proposal. Your comments and concerns relating to the adequacy of fish and wildlife resources information, the fish and wildlife plan, and the reclamation plan as it relates to fish and wildlife considerations, including potential impacts to threatened or endangered species, are requested. Your evaluation of any woody plant stocking levels, planting arrangements, and methods for mitigation of potential adverse impacts is also requested.

In order for us to comply with regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at the above address by 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 2014. If no comments are received by this date, we will proceed on the assumption that your agency has no concerns with or objections to the applicant's proposal.

A copy of the entire revision application is available for public inspection at the Routt County Clerk and Recorder, P.O. Box 773598, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477 and at the Division office. For additional information, to provide written comments, or to request an informal conference, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, within thirty (30) days after the last public notice in the *Steamboat Pilot*.

Sincerely,



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