



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 30, 2014

Las Animas County Commissioners
County Commissioner
200 East First Street, Room 104
Trinidad, CO 81082

**Re: Permit Issuance
Permit Renewal No. 3 (RN-3)
Lorencito Canyon Mine (Permit No. C-1996-084)**

Dear Las Animas County Commissioners:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety renewed Mining Permit No. C-1996-084 for the Lorencito Canyon Mine on April 26, 2014, allowing coal mining and reclamation operations to continue under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. The permit was issued to New Elk Coal Company, LLC, 12250 Highway 12, Weston, CO 81091, (303) 300-8704, for their mining operation located in Las Animas County, approximately 3 miles West of Segundo on Hwy 12. The permit area is further described as follows:

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On lands south of the Purgatoire River, lands east of the South Fork of the Purgatoire and Alamosa Canyon, lands north of Vermejo Park, and lands west of Widow Woman Canyon containing approximately 17,862 acres.

Copies of the permit are available at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Simmons".

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cc: Ron Thompson, New Elk Coal Company, LLC