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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

May 30, 2014

Town of Paonia
P.O. Box 460
Paonia, CO 81428

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: MR-404
Updated Map 51 - E Seam Projected Operations.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received an application for the above referenced permitting action for the West Elk Mine. The application was deemed complete on May 23, 2014.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk Permit. The revision updates Map 51 - E-Seam Projected Operations to show mined-out areas. The map also corrects the location of the southern most mains, which were moved slightly to avoid a fault. There will be no changes to the mine's permit boundary or its affected or disturbed acreages. There will be no change in the mine's reclamation liability as a result of this revision. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

Permit Revision, Permit Renewal, Technical Revision, or Bond Release application materials are available for review at the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite C, Gunnison, CO 81230. Minor Revision application materials are available for review at the Division's Denver office.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by 'R. Stark'.

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