



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

June 9, 2014

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

**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)**  
**Revision: MR-405**  
**Replacement of a Portion of a Culvert Flume at the RPEE with Clay-Lined, Riprap Ditch**

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 June 9, 2014.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision for the West Elk Mine. The revision proposes to remove an additional 183 feet of the half-culvert ditch at the RPEE and replace it with a clay-lined, riprapped ditch. This is the same as Minor Revision 401, which was approved to replace a lower portion of this culvert with the same clay-lined, riprapped ditch. There will be no changes to the mine's permitted, affected or disturbed boundaries as a result of this revision. 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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