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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

June 10, 2014

Western Slope Conservation Center
P.O. Box 1612
Paonia, CO 81428

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: TR-134
Revised Longwall Panel E6 MDW Pad Locations.

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 10, 2014.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Technical Revision to the West Elk Mine. The revision proposes to change the location of two methane drainage well pads and four wells for longwall panel E6. They are proposing to move the first two pads approximately 400 feet to the west. These pads will be used for wells E6-1, E6-2, E6-3 and E6-4. The overall acreage of the pads will not change. The acreage and location of the associated light-use roads will not be changed. There are no proposed changes to the mine's permitted, affected or disturbed acreages as a result of this revision. There will be an increase in the mine's reclamation liability as a result of this revision. The increase will be determined by the Division during the technical adequacy review. 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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