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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

July 23, 2014

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

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: TR-135
Revised Longwall Panel E6 MDW Pad and Road 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 July 21, 2014.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Technical Revision to the West Elk Mine's permit. The revision proposes to change the location of four MDW drill pads and light-use roads. The original pad and road locations were approved with Permit Revision 14. The proposed pad and road locations were laid out in the field with the assistance and approval of US Forest Service personnel. There will be no changes in the mine's permitted or affected acreages. With the proposed changes there will be a decrease in the mine's disturbed acreage of 0.8 acres. There will be an increase in the mine's reclamation liability as a result of the proposed changes. This liability increase will be determined 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, cursive 'J' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

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