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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

August 1, 2014

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

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: MR-406
Ventilation Portal Investigation Boreholes

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 August 1, 2014.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk Permit. The revision proposes to drill a maximum of six holes to investigate a possible location for a mine ventilation portal. The holes will be drilled along existing roads and on ground that was previously disturbed. There will be no increase in the mine's permitted, affected or disturbed boundaries as a result of this revision. There will be an increase 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'.

James R. Stark
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