



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

September 15, 2014

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

**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)**  
**Revision: MR-407**  
**Midterm Review MT-7 Responses**

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 September 15, 2014.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk Mine's permit. The revision is a response to the Division's 2014 Midterm Review and contains the requested changes to the West Elk permit. This revision is administrative in nature and the Division does not anticipate any changes to the mine's reclamation liability. 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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