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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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Mark Tobias
Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
History Colorado Center
1200 Broadway
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**Re: Carbon Junction Mine (Permit No. C-1992-080)
Permit Revision Application No. 1 (PR-1)
Post Mining Land Use and Final Reclamation**

Dear Mr. Tobias:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety hereby issues notice, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, Section 116, Paragraph 4, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, that on October 9, 2014, an application to revise coal mining operations at the Carbon Junction Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. The revision was submitted by Oakridge Energy, Inc.. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

Oakridge Energy, Inc. is proposing to revise the post-mining land use for the Carbon Junction Mine from Industrial / Commercial, Recreational, and Residential to Dryland Pasture. The application also provides additional details regarding final reclamation of the site and features (roads and wells) to be retained as permanent features. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The surface coal mining operation is on land located approximately 2 miles Southeast of Durango, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Portions of Section 4, Township 34 North, Range 9 West; Section 33, Township 34 ½ North, Range 9 West; and Section 33, Township 35 North, Range 9 West.



The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Durango East, Loma Linda.

Because the above-referenced permit revision application may incorporate additional lands into the permit area or might otherwise alter previously approved permit conditions or mitigation measures, we are requesting your agency's evaluation of the potential for impacts to cultural and historic resources.

In accordance with the May 1991 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our agencies, we must have your concurrence in order to approve this proposal. We are required to make a finding that "the proposed operations will not adversely affect any publicly owned park or place listed on or those places eligible for listing, as determined by the SHPO, on the National Register of Historic Places, unless approved jointly by the Board and the Federal, State, or local agency with jurisdiction over the park or place." Therefore, we request that you submit comments regarding your concurrence with, concerns with, or objections to this proposal. In order that we may comply with regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted within fifteen (15) days of this letter. Please refer to the MOU when undertaking your review.

A copy of the permit revision application is available for public inspection at the La Plata County Clerk and Recorder, 98 Everett Street, Suite C, Durango, CO 81303 and at the Division office. For additional information or to provide written comments, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567.

Sincerely,



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