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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

October 9, 2014

Patt Dorsey
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Southwest Region Manager
SW Region Administrative Office
415 Turner Drive
Durango, CO 81303

**Re: Carbon Junction Mine (Permit No. C-1992-080)
Permit Revision Application No. 1 (PR-1)
Post Mining Land Use and Final Reclamation**

Dear Ms. Dorsey:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety hereby issues notice, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, Section 118, Paragraph 3, 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. 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 proposal. Your comments and concerns relating to the adequacy of fish and wildlife resources information, the fish and wildlife plan, and the reclamation plan as it relates to fish and wildlife considerations, including potential impacts to threatened or endangered species, are requested. Your evaluation of any changes to woody plant stocking levels, planting arrangements, and methods for mitigation of potential adverse impacts is also requested.

In order for us to comply with regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at the above address by 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2014. If no comments are received by this date, we will proceed on the assumption that your agency has no concerns with or objections to the applicant's proposal.

A copy of the entire 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, to provide written comments, or to request an informal conference, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, within thirty (30) days after the last public notice in the *Durango Herald*.

Sincerely,



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