



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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December 4, 2014

Alan Boehms  
Office of Surface Mining  
Western Regional Coordinating Center  
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320  
Denver, CO 80202

**Re: Peabody Sage Creek Mine (Permit No. C-2009-087)  
Technical Revision Application No. 8 (TR-8)  
Vegetation Success Criteria for Solid Waste Disposal Area.**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

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 December 4, 2014, an application to revise coal mining operations at the Peabody Sage Creek 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.

Technical Revision No. 8 requests a modification to the vegetation success criteria for the reclaimed solid waste disposal area. The disposal area was the final reclaimed and seeded area associated with the surface mining activities, having been seeded in 2008. PSCM proposes the vegetation success criteria be changed to that of the more recently disturbed areas associated with the underground mining disturbances. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The underground coal mining operation is on land located approximately 9 miles Southeast of Hayden. The permit area is further described as follows:

Township 5 North, Range 87 West, all or portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22; Township 6 North, Range 87 West, all or portions of Sections 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36

Approximately 9 miles south and east of the town of Hayden, CO to the East of Routt County Road 27 at an approximate elevation of 6800 feet AMSL Mount Harris/Milner Quadrangle Map



The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Mount Harris.

The Division has interpreted 30 CFR 746.18 to determine that this application as submitted does not constitute a Mining Plan Action. If the proposal is significantly changed during our review process, we will consult with you on whether a Mining Plan Action should be initiated and direct the applicant to send the revision application materials to your office for review as necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Musick", written in a cursive style.

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