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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

December 12, 2014

Jerod Smith
Colorado State Land Board
555 Breeze Street, Suite 110
Craig, CO 81625

**Re: Trapper Mine (Permit No. C-1981-010)
Bond Release Application No. 16 (SL-16)**

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter, in accordance with Rule 3.03.2(5)(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining, is to inform you that the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 16 (SL-16) for the Trapper Mine. This decision will be published in the *Craig Daily Press*, as soon as possible. Publication of the notice initiates a thirty (30) day public comment period. If, within thirty days, there are no requests for an adjudicatory hearing, the decision will become final.

The Division proposes to approve Trapper Mining, Inc.'s request for a partial Phase II bond release for the 277.8-acre bond release block "A, F, K&Z RSAB&C 2005-2010" at the Trapper Mine. The bond release block consists of the following parcels; A-C-05 (7.1-acres), A-B-09 (9.2-acres), A-B-10 (83.5-acres), F-AB-07 (38.3-acres), F-AB-08 (49.8-acres), F-AB-09 (31.0-acres), F-A-10 (15.0-acres), K-A-10 (18.0- acres), Z-A-07 (12.9-acres), Z-A-08 (7.3-acres) and Z-A-10 (5.7-acres). This proposed decision will release the applicant from Phase II reclamation liability for the SL-16 bond release parcels. As an interested party, you have the right to an adjudicatory hearing as outlined under Rule 3.03.2(6) of the Rules and Regulations. The request for an adjudicatory hearing must be written and state with specificity the reasons why the hearing is requested. The request must be received within thirty days of the first publication of the proposed decision in the *Craig Daily Press*.



If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jared Ebert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

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