



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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December 12, 2014

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

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

Dear Mr. Boehms:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 16 at the Trapper Mine. This decision will become final at the close of the thirty (30) day public comment period, which commences with the initial publication in the *Craig Daily Press*. A copy of the proposed decision and written findings is enclosed.

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. Since this mine is a federal mine, our decision is subject to the concurrence of OSM, and the signature of an authorized OSM representative is required for release of the bond. Therefore, the Division respectfully requests that OSM notify the Division of concurrence or nonconcurrence prior to the end of the public comment period, in accordance with the agreement dated June 30, 1997, Procedures for Cooperating State and Federal Agencies to Provide Mutual Concurrence on the Release of Performance Bonds from Federal Lands Coal Mining Operations.

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



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jared Ebert", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosure

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