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December 12, 2014

Jennifer Maiolo U.S. Bureau of Land Management Little Snake Field Office 455 Emerson St. Craig, CO 81625

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

Dear Ms. Maiolo:

The Division has issued a proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 16 for the Trapper Mine. Enclosed is the Division's decision form and written findings. The proposed decision will be published in the *Craig Daily Press*, as soon as possible. Publication of the notice initiates a thirty-day public comment period. If there are no requests for an adjudicatory hearing within the thirty days, 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 provided by Rule 3.03.2(6), should you object to the Division's proposed decision, you may request an adjudicatory hearing.

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



Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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