



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

December 22, 2014

Town of Paonia  
P.O. Box 460  
Paonia, CO 81428

**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)**  
**Revision: TR-136**  
**Revised MDW E6-14-16 Pad Locations**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received an application for the above referenced permitting action for the West Elk Mine. The application was deemed complete on December 18, 2014.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Technical Revision to the West Elk Mine Permit. The revision proposes to update the locations of degas well pads and roads for longwall panel E6. The proposed changes would decrease the mine's disturbance acreage. There will be no changes to the mine's permitted or affected acreages. There will be a change to the mine's bond liability, which will be calculated during technical adequacy. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

Permit Revision, Permit Renewal, or Technical Revision application materials are available for review at the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite C, Gunnison, CO 81230. Minor Revision and Surety Release application materials are available for review at the Division's Denver office.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by 'R. Stark'.

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