



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

January 30, 2015

Ron Velarde
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Northwest Region Manager
NW Region Administrative Office
711 Independent Ave.
Grand Junction, CO 81505

**Re: Yoast Mine (Permit No. C-1994-082)
Permit Renewal Application No. 4 (RN-4)**

Dear Mr. Velarde:

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 January 30, 2015, an application to renew an existing permit to conduct coal mining operations at the Yoast Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Colorado Surface Mining Reclamation Act and the Rules initiate from this date of filing.

Seneca Coal Company, LLC proposes to continue surface coal mining and/or reclamation operations on land located approximately 7 miles Southwest of Hayden, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

T6N, R87W, Portions of Sections 28, 29 and 32

T5N, R87W, All of Section 17; Portions of Sections 5, 8, 16, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30

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

This renewal application does not propose revisions to the approved mining and reclamation plan, nor is there any proposed surface disturbance outside of the currently approved disturbance area.



A copy of the renewal application is available for public inspection at the Hayden Public Library, 201 E. Jefferson Avenue, Hayden, CO 81639, and at the Division office, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567.

In order for us to comply with regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at the above address by March 31, 2015. If no comments are received by this date, we will proceed on the assumption that your agency has no concerns with or objections to the applicant's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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