

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

January 30, 2015

Assistant State Supervisor U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ecological Services 445 W. Gunnison Ave, Suite 240 Grand Junction, CO 81501-5711

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

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.



The applicant is required to publish notice in the *Steamboat Pilot* that this permit renewal application has been deemed complete. At the time of publication of this notice, the applicant is additionally required to place a copy of this application at the Hayden Public Library, 201 E. Jefferson Avenue, Hayden, CO 81639, and at the Division office. For additional information or to provide written comments, or request an informal conference, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 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 within thirty (30) days of the last publication mentioned above.

Please contact me at the telephone number above if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)

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