



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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February 3, 2015

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

**Re: Foidel Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1982-056)  
Permit Revision Application No. 10 (PR-10)  
Wolf Creek Reserve Development and Mining.**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

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 February 3, 2015, an application to revise coal mining operations at the Foidel Creek Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

Permit Revision No. 10 requests approval to the existing approved permit to include development and longwall mining of the Wolf Creek Coal Seam Reserve. The requested Permit Revision address mining of four of the initial panels (9RT, 8RT, 7RT and 11RT) approved under Technical Revision No. 83; subsequent development of remaining panels in the Wolf Creek Reserve (6RT, 5RT, 4RT, 12RT, 13RT, and 14RT); and mining of Twentymile Coal, LLCs owned and leased reserves in Panels 7RT, 6RT and 5RT. The Permit Revision also includes development of an internal ventilation and utility shaft in the Wolf Creek main entries adjacent to the 8RT Panel and an adjustment to shift a segment of the eastern Permit Boundary to the east to include an additional 160 acres. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The underground coal mining operation is on land located approximately 23 miles Southwest of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:



In portions of Sections 7, 8, 9, T4N, R86W; Sections 32 and 33, T6N, R86W; Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36 in T5N, R87W; and all of T5N, R86W with the exception of Sections 34, 35, and 36. (move to Quad: Cow Creek, Dunckley, Milner, Mount Harris, and Oak Creek)

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

The Division has interpreted 30 CFR 746.18, and requested concurrence from the Office of Surface Mining, to determine that this application as submitted does not constitute a Mining Plan Action. If OSM determines that this revision constitutes a Mine Plan Action or the proposal is significantly changed during our review process, we will consult with you on whether a Mining Plan Action should be initiated and direct the applicant to send the revision application materials to your office for review as necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Musick", is written in a cursive style.

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