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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

February 6, 2015

Sara Sauter
Western Slope Conservation Center
P.O. Box 1612
Paonia, CO 81428

Re: Elk Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1981-022)
Revision: MR-106
NOV Abatement

Dear Ms. Sauter:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received an application for the above referenced permitting action for the Elk Creek Mine. The application was deemed complete on February 6, 2015.

Oxbow Mining, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision to the Elk Creek Mine Permit. The Minor Revision proposes to update gob vent borehole information and well abandonment report information. There will be an increase in the mine's disturbance boundary as a result of this revision. There will not be any changes to the mine's permitted or affected acreages as a result of this revision. There will be an increase in the mine's reclamation liability that will be calculated during technical adequacy. The applicant is proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

Permit Revision (PR), Permit Renewal (RN), or Technical Revision (TR) application materials are available for review at the Paonia Public Library, 2 3rd Street, Paonia, CO 81428. Minor Revision (MR) and Surety Release (SL) application materials are available for review at the Division's Denver office.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Sincerely,



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