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**Re: New Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1981-012)
Technical Revision Application No. 70 (TR-70)**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please publish the attached legal notice in the *The Chronicle - News*, one time, as soon as possible. For reimbursement, please send the invoice and proof of publication to Ms. Mary Rodriguez of our office at the above address. For questions or correspondence regarding the publication, please contact me.

Please respond to *Leigh.Simmons@state.co.us* to verify receipt of this publication request.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety proposes to approve Technical Revision Application No. 70 (TR-70) for the New Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1981-012), submitted by New Elk Coal Company, LLC. TR70 seeks to: (i) Add an alternative design for the Refuse Disposal Area Haul Road to utilize the existing road as a one-way haul road and keep the design for the haul road that was submitted and approved with TR66 as a long term haul road design; (ii) Update the Bates Portal Surface Belt Line alignment; (iii) Update locations of culverts and ditches; (iv) Re-designate the Explosives Storage area as Explosives and/or Chemical Storage; (v) Construct a new addition to the RDA belt system; and (vi) Construct a new culvert, C-19, at the four-way intersection at the entrance of the mine site.

The New Elk Mine is a/an underground coal mine located in Las Animas County, approximately 25 miles W of Trinidad, Colorado. Coal interest is state and private, and the surface affected is state and private land. The permit area encompasses approximately 4,198.90 acres.

This proposed decision is based on a finding that the proposed operation will comply with all requirements of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act, Section 34-33-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Copies of the proposed decision, including stipulations, are on file for public inspection at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203. Persons with an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may request a formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board on the proposed decision. Such request must be made within ten (10) days of the initial publication of this notice, must be in writing, and must state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and the objections to the proposed decision.