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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

March 16, 2015

Town of Paonia
P.O. Box 460
Paonia, CO 81428

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: MR-408
Updated Exhibit 1 Officers and Directors

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received an application for the above referenced permitting action for the West Elk Mine. The application was deemed complete on March 16, 2015.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Minor Revision to the West Elk Mine's permit. The revision proposes to change permit Exhibit 1, the officers and directors, based on recent changes. This is an administrative revision. West Elk is not proposing to add any additional permit acreage, affected acreage or disturbed acreage with this revision. There will be no increase in the mine's liability as a result of this revision. The applicant is not 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 Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite C, Gunnison, CO 81230. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by 'R. Stark'.

James R. Stark
Environmental Protection Specialist
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