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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

March 20, 2015

Assistant State Supervisor
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Ecological Services
445 W. Gunnison Ave, Suite 240
Grand Junction, CO 81501-5711

**Re: Trapper Mine (Permit No. C-1981-010)
Technical Revision No. 114 (TR-114)
2014 Annual Report Appendix W.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety hereby issues notice, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, Section 116, Paragraph 4, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, that on March 20, 2015 an application to revise coal mining operations at the Trapper Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. The revision was submitted by Trapper Mining, Inc.. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

TR113 updates Appendix W of the Trapper Mine permit. Appendix W consists of the annual reclamation and hydrology report for the Trapper Mine. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The surface coal mining operation is on land located approximately 6 miles Southwest of Craig, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Portions of Sections 1, 2, and 3, Township 5 North, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M.

Portions of Sections 30 and 31, Township 6th North, Range 90 West of the 6th P.M.

Portions of Sections 25, 26, 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36, Township 6 North, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M.

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



Because the above referenced technical revision application may incorporate additional lands into the permit area or might otherwise alter previously approved permit conditions or mitigation measures, the Division is coordinating with the Office of Surface Mining on evaluation of the potential for impacts to threatened or endangered species of plants or animals, or wildlife species otherwise protected by federal law. A copy of the permit section addressing potential effects of the operation to threatened and endangered (T&E) species has been forwarded to the Office of Surface Mining. The OSM will prepare any biological assessment necessary for approval based on the information provided in the application, and OSM will coordinate with your office as necessary. This coordination is required to ensure mitigation of potential impacts to federally protected wildlife species.

The applicant is required to publish notice in the *Craig Daily Press* that this 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 Moffat County Clerk and Recorder, 221 W Victory Way, Craig, CO 81625, and at the Division office. For additional information or to provide written comments, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 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 ten (10) days of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tabetha Lynch".

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