

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

March 20, 2015

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

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

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 March 20, 2015, an application to revise coal mining operations at the Trapper 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.

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.



The Division has interpreted 30 CFR 746.18 to determine that this application as submitted does not constitute a Mining Plan Action. If 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,

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