

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

March 20, 2015

Assistant State Supervisor U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service **Ecological Services** 445 W. Gunnison Ave, Suite 240 Grand Junction, CO 81501-5711

Re: Fruita Loadout (Permit No. C-2010-088) **Technical Revision No. 3 (TR-3)** Incremental Bonding and Bond Release.

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 Fruita Loadout was considered complete for the purposes of filing. The revision was submitted by CAM-Colorado, LLC. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

CAM-Colorado, LLC, has proposes to change to incremenntal bonding at the Fruita loadout in accordance with Rules 3.02.1(5)(b) and (6). The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The loadout coal mining operation is on land located approximately 3 miles Northwest of Fruita. The permit area is further described as follows:

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

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 *The Daily Sentinel* 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 Mesa County Clerk and Recorder, 200 S. Spruce Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, 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,

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