



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

March 25, 2015

Anna Smith  
County Planner  
Rio Blanco County Planning Department  
P.O. Box 599  
Meeker, CO 81641

**Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019)  
Permit Revision Application No. 4 (PR-4)  
Collom Mine Plan Revision**

Dear County Planner:

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 25, 2015, a permit revision application for a permit to conduct coal mining operations, Permit No. C-1981-019 by Colowyo Coal Company L.P., was considered complete for the purposes of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining initiate from this date of filing.

Colowyo proposes a revision to the mine plan for the Collom area. This entails removal of one of the planned pits (Little Collom X), a significant decrease in the size of the proposed spoil pile, and all associated changes, including sediment control structures. The applicant is proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The surface coal mining operation is located approximately 28 miles South of Craig, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

All or portions of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 30 in Township 3 North, Range 93 West; Sections 7, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 in Township 4 North, Range 93 West; Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12,



13, 14, 15, 22, and 23 in Township 3 North, Range 94 West; and Sections 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36 in Township 4 North, Range 94 West (all in 6th Prime Meridian).

The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Easton Gulch, Axial, Devils Hole Gulch, Ninemile Gap.

A copy of the revision application is available for public inspection at the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder, 500 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641; Moffat County Clerk and Recorder, 221 W Victory Way, Craig, CO 81625. For additional information, to provide written comments, or request an informal conference, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, within thirty days after the last public notice in the *Craig Daily Press and Rio Blanco Herald-Times*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Zuber".

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