



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

March 25, 2015

Mark Tobias  
Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation  
History Colorado Center  
1200 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80203

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

Dear Mr. Tobias:

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 25, 2015, an application to revise coal mining operations at the Colowyo Coal Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. The revision was submitted by Colowyo Coal Company L.P.. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations 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 on land 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.

Because the above-referenced permit revision application may incorporate additional lands into the permit area or might otherwise alter previously approved permit conditions or mitigation measures, we are requesting your agency's evaluation of the potential for impacts to cultural and historic resources.

In accordance with the May 1991 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our agencies, we must have your concurrence in order to approve this proposal. We are required to make a finding that "the proposed operations will not adversely affect any publicly owned park or place listed on or those places eligible for listing, as determined by the SHPO, on the National Register of Historic Places, unless approved jointly by the Board and the Federal, State, or local agency with jurisdiction over the park or place." Therefore, we request that you submit comments regarding your concurrence with, concerns with, or objections to this proposal. In order that we may comply with regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted within fifteen (15) days of this letter. Please refer to the MOU when undertaking your review.

A copy of the permit 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 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.

Sincerely,

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

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