



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

March 25, 2015

Jennifer Maiolo  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
Little Snake Field Office  
455 Emerson St.  
Craig, CO 81625

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

Dear Ms. Maiolo:

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, an application to revise coal mining operations at the Colowyo Coal 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.

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.

The Division requests written verification regarding Federal mining leases and/or federal surface access approval. The applicant has referenced the Federal mining lease(s) and/or Federal Surface access agreement(s) in this application as a document upon which they base their legal right to enter. Please verify that the lease(s) and/or agreement(s) has/have been issued and that final BLM/federal agency lease/agreement approval has been granted. If the lease/agreement application is pending, please notify the Division as to the status of the lease/agreement review and when a decision is anticipated. Verification of Federal leases and/or federal surface access agreements should be sent to me at the address listed above.

A copy of the entire 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, to provide written comments, or to request an informal conference, 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 to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at the above address by 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 2015.

Sincerely,

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

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