



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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May 7, 2015

Assistant State Supervisor  
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**Re:   Bowie No. 2 Mine (Permit No. C-1996-083)  
      Technical Revision No. 101 (TR-101)  
      Incorporation of a Baseline Vegetation Report and a Phase II Bond Release  
      Vegetation Report.**

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 May 7, 2015 an application to revise coal mining operations at the Bowie No. 2 Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. The revision was submitted by Bowie Resources, LLC. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

Technical Revision No. 101 (TR-101) incorporates a vegetation resources inventory report and a Phase II bond release vegetation report into the Bowie Resources, LLC's Bowie No. 2 Mine Permit No. C-1996-083. In addition, TR-101 includes a soil loss comparison for 77 gob vent bore holes and associated roads located east of Terror Creek. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The underground coal mining operation is on land located approximately 5 miles Northeast of Paonia, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Portions of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, and 22, Township 13 South, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M. Portions of Sections 33 and 34, Township 12 South, 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): Bowie.

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 *Delta County Independent* 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 Paonia Public Library, 2 3rd Street, Paonia, CO 81428, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Musick", written in a cursive style.

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