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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

May 19, 2015

Western Slope Conservation Center
P.O. Box 1612
Paonia, CO 81428

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: TR-137
B Seam Longwall Panels Initial Development

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received an application for the above referenced permitting action for the West Elk Mine. The application was deemed complete on May 18, 2015.

The Mountain Coal Company, LLC has submitted a Technical Revision to the West Elk Mine's Permit. The revision proposes new development mining in the currently leased B-Seam. The proposed longwall panel development is south of the old B-Seam panels and directly under the currently approved E-Seam panels. There are no proposed changes to the mine's permit area, affected area or disturbed area as a result of this revision. There will be no change in the mine's reclamation liability as a result of the changes proposed in this revision. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

Permit Revision (PR), Permit Renewal (RN), or Technical Revision (TR) application materials are available for review at the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite C, Gunnison, CO 81230. Minor Revision (MR) and Surety Release (SL) application materials are available for review at the Division's Denver office.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by 'R. Stark'.

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