



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

July 6, 2015

Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners
1313 Sherman St Room 620
Denver, CO 80203

**Re: Proposed Decision
Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6)
Golden Eagle Mine (Permit No. C-1981-013)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety is proposing to approve a renewal application for coal mining and reclamation permit. The application was submitted by New Elk Coal Company, LLC on December 19, 2013 for the Golden Eagle Mine. In accordance with Rule 2.08.5(3)(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining, we are providing notice of this proposed decision.

Any person with an interest which may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may request a formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board within 30 days of the first publication of the public notice by the Division in the *The Chronicle - News*.

The underground mine is located approximately 20 miles West of Trinidad, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

In all or portions of Sections 15-22, and Sections 27-34 of T33S, R67W; and Sections 3 and 4 of T34S, R67W.

Copies of the renewal application are available for public review in the Division offices at the above address and at the Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder, 200 East First Street, Room 205, Trinidad, CO 81082. A Copy of the Division's "Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance" is available at Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder, 200 East First Street, Room 205, Trinidad, CO 81082 and at the Division offices.



If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leigh Simmons".

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cc: Ron Thompson, New Elk Coal Company, LLC