



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

August 14, 2015

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

**Re: Elk Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1981-022)**  
**Revision: TR-76**  
**Post Mining Land Use Changes, Final Reclamation Plan Modifications**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received an application for the above referenced permitting action for the Elk Creek Mine. The application was deemed complete on August 13, 2015.

Oxbow Mining, LLC has submitted a Technical Revision for the Elk Creek Mine. The revision proposes to change the mine's post-mining topography and post-mining land use. These proposed changes are a result of the viability and use of the mine's methane for electricity generation. There are no proposed changes to the mine's permitted, affected or disturbed acreages. The Division will determine if there are any changes in the mine's reclamation liability during technical adequacy. 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; Delta County Clerk and Recorder, 501 Palmer Street, #211, Delta, CO 81416; Paonia Public Library, 2 3rd Street, Paonia, CO 81428 and at the Division's Denver office. 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, cursive 'J' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

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