



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

September 4, 2015

Las Animas County Commissioners
County Commissioner
200 East First Street, Room 104
Trinidad, CO 81082

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

Dear Las Animas County Commissioners:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety renewed Mining Permit No. C-1981-013 for the Golden Eagle Mine on August 11, 2015, allowing coal mining and reclamation operations to continue under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. The permit was issued to New Elk Coal Company, LLC, 12250 Highway 12, Weston, CO 81091, (303) 300-8704, for their mining operation located in Las Animas County, approximately 20 miles West of Trinidad, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

1.2 acres located in the NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 19, Township 33 South, Range 67 West of the 6th Principal Meridian as shown on Map 3 of the approved application. Old: Sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 of Township 33 South, Range 67 West; projected Sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 of Township 33 South, Range 67 West; and projected Sections 3 and 4 of Township 34 South, Range 67 West. Projected sections are partially or fully projected by Basin Resources due to the unsurveyed nature of the Maxwell Land Grant.

Copies of the permit are available at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567.

Please note that the permit issuance date for Permit Renewal 06 has changed to January 25, 2014. The RN-05 issuance date was June 22, 2009, which would yield a permit issuance date of June 22, 2014 for RN-06. This June 22 permit issuance date, however, is in error. The incorrect issuance date stems from an error with RN-02 permit issuance. Based on this new issuance date, the current



permit term will be 4 years, 7 months instead of the normal 5 years. This shorter permit term reflects the change in the issuance date to the correct January 25 date. The new issuance date of January 25 will be carried forward so all future permit terms will be the standard 5 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Simmons", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: Ron Thompson, New Elk Coal Company, LLC