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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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October 23, 2015

Alan Boehms
Office of Surface Mining
Western Regional Coordinating Center
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202

**Re: Trapper Mine (Permit No. C-1981-010)
Bond Release Application No. 17 (SL-17)**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

Trapper Mining, Inc. has applied for a bond release at the Trapper Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on October 23, 2015. Trapper is proposing to release 450.2 acres of rangeland from Phase III bond liability as outlined on Map 1.0. This includes 354.7 acres of Range Site A and B rangelands in D (including Deer Pond), F and Z Pits and 95.5 acres of Range Site C rangelands in A, D, and H Pits. These lands were regraded, retopsoiled and reseeded in accordance with Trapper's approved permit document (C-1981-010) from 2001 through 2005. The surface ownership is state and private, and the coal mined was federal, state and private.

We will contact you to advise you of the Division's required bond release inspection of the site as soon as it has been scheduled. A proposed decision on the application will be issued within sixty (60) days of our inspection.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Specialist



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