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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

December 22, 2015

Mesa County Commissioners
County Commissioner
200 S. Spruce
Grand Junction, CO 81501

**Re: Roadside Portals (Permit No. C-1981-041)
Technical Revision No. 68 (TR-68)
Postmining Land Use Change-Pond 8.**

Dear Mesa County Commissioners:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety hereby issues notice, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, Section 116, Paragraph 4, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, that on December 22, 2015 an application to revise coal mining operations at the Roadside Portals was considered complete for the purposes of filing. The revision was submitted by Snowcap Coal Company, Inc. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations initiate from this date of filing.

SCC is proposing to change the post-mining land use for former pond 8 from fish and wildlife habitat to commercial. The area is 0.5 acre in size and is adjacent to the agricultural commercial property Kokopelli Farm and Produce. The pre-mining land use of this area was commercial and it will be used to support the commercial agricultural business. The applicant is not proposing additional surface disturbance outside of the area currently approved for disturbance.

The underground coal mining operation is on land located approximately 5 miles North of Palisade, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Portions of Sections 26, 27, 28, 34, and 35, T10S, R98W, 6th PM; Portions of Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, and 13, T11S, R98W, 6th PM; Portions of Section 7, T11S, R97W, 6th PM; all in Mesa County.



The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Cameo.

The applicant is required to publish notice in a local newspaper that this application has been deemed complete. At the time of publication of this notice, the applicant is additionally required to place a copy of this application at the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder, 200 S. Spruce Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, and at the Division office. For additional information or to provide written comments, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567. In order for us to comply with regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted within fifteen (15) days of this letter. If no comments are received by then, we will proceed on the assumption that you have no concerns with, or objections to, the applicant's proposal.

Sincerely,



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