



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

December 29, 2015

Town of Paonia
P.O. Box 460
Paonia, CO 81428

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Revision: SL-9
Phase III Bond Release.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has received an application for the above referenced permitting action for the West Elk Mine. The application was deemed complete on December 29, 2015.

Mountain Coal Company (MCC) is requesting Phase III Bond Release for reclaimed methane ventilation wells and associated road segments at the Deep Creek, Long Draw, Long Draw Saddle, and West Point Road areas. These areas comprise approximately 22.1 acres of private and National Forest System land in Gunnison County, Colorado. Reclamation was completed between 2002 and 2004.

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 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, appearing to read "L. Simmons".

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