



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

December 31, 2015

Ron Velarde
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Northwest Region Manager
NW Region Administrative Office
711 Independent Ave.
Grand Junction, CO 81505

**Re: McClane Canyon Mine (Permit No. C-1980-004)
Permit Renewal Application No. 8 (RN-8)**

Dear Mr. Velarde:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety hereby issues notice, in accordance with Title 34, Article 33, Section 118, Paragraph 3, of the Colorado Revised Statutes, that on December 17, 2015, an application to renew an existing permit to conduct coal mining operations at the McClane Canyon Mine was considered complete for the purposes of filing. All review and comment periods as provided in the Colorado Surface Mining Reclamation Act and the Rules initiate from this date of filing.

McClane Canyon Mining, LLC proposes to continue underground coal mining and/or reclamation operations on land located approximately 19 miles North of Loma, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Portions of Sections 3, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 34, T7S, R102W, 6th PM, all in Garfield County

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

McClane Canyon Mining, LLC has submitted an application for renewal of a valid existing permit to conduct coal mining and reclamation for its McClane Canyon Mine, Permit No. C-1980-004. McClane Canyon Mine is an operating underground mine on land located approximately 19 miles north of Loma, Colorado along State Highway 139. The current permit will expire on July 6,



2016. McClane Canyon Mining, LLC proposes to continue underground coal mining and/or reclamation operations and the application requests successive renewal of the permit for an additional five years.

This renewal application does not propose revisions to the approved mining and reclamation plan, nor is there any proposed surface disturbance outside of the currently approved disturbance area.

A copy of the renewal application is available for public inspection at the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder, 200 S. Spruce Street , Grand Junction, CO 81501, and at the Division office, 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 to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at the above address by February 15, 2016. If no comments are received by this date, we will proceed on the assumption that your agency has no concerns with or objections to the applicant's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ZT Trujillo', with a stylized, cursive script.

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