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} ss.

I, Randal Sunderland, do solemnly swear that I am general manager of the *Delta County Independent*; that the same is a weekly newspaper printed, in whole or in part, and published in the County of Delta, State of Colorado, continuously and uninterruptedly in said County of Delta for a period of more than fifty-two consecutive weeks prior to the first publication of the annexed legal notice or advertisement; that said newspaper has been admitted to the United States mails as second-class matter under the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1879, and all amendments thereof, and that said newspaper is a weekly newspaper duly qualified for publishing legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of the laws of the State of Colorado; that the annexed legal notice or advertisement was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of said weekly newspaper for the period of one consecutive insertion; that the first publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated January 24th, A.D., 2018, and that the last publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated January 24th, A.D., 2018.

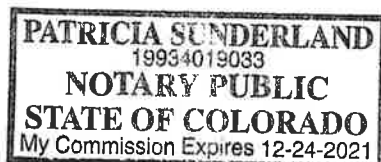
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of January, A.D., 2018.


General manager of said *Delta County Independent*

Subscribed and sworn before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Delta, State of Colorado, this 24th day of January A.D., 2018.


Notary Public

My commission expires 12/24/2021
900 Cypress Wood Lane
Delta, CO 81416



PUBLIC NOTICE

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC), 5174 Highway 133, Somerset, CO 81434, (970) 929-5015, has filed a complete application for Technical Revision No. TR-144 to MCC's Mining and Reclamation Permit No. C-1980-007 with the Colorado Mined Land

Reclamation Board (Board), under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. The permit was originally issued by the Board in July 1981, and subsequently renewed in August 1986, January 1993 (effective August 1991), July 1996, July 2001, April 2007 (effective July 2006), and November 2011 (effective July 2011.) MCC is currently undergoing a five-year permit renewal process that would extend the permit term to July 31, 2021. The West Elk Mine five-year permit area contains lands in Sections 9-11, 13-36, T13S, R90W, 6th PM; and Sections 23-26, T13S, R91W, 6th PM, and Sections 1-5, 8-12, T14S, R90W, 6th PM in Delta and Gunnison Counties. The location of the lands can be found on the USGS 7.5 minute Somerset and Minnesota Pass Quadrangle Topographic Maps. The current permit area encompasses approximately 17,234.9 acres.

This Technical Revision outlines an area south of existing long-wall panel LWE8 within the current lease and permit boundaries where MCC intends to conduct in-mine exploration activities to better define the influence of a projected fault zone within that area for future mine planning and permitting. Portions of MCC's permit document will also be updated with details of the recently modified federal coal leases. No surface disturbing activities are proposed with this application.

Copies of the technical revision application are available for review at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (CDRMS) office, Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado, 80203, phone (303) 866-3567, and the Gunnison County Planning Office, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite D, Gunnison, CO 81230. Comments or objections concerning the revision application should be directed to the CDRMS at the above address not later than 10 days after the date of publication of this notice in order to be considered.

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