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I, Samantha Johnston, do solemnly swear that I am Associate General Manager of the GLENWOOD SPRINGS POST INDEPENDENT, that the same daily newspaper printed, in whole or in part and published in the County of Garfield, State of Colorado, and has a general circulation therein; that said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said County of Garfield for a period of more than fifty-two consecutive weeks next prior to the first publication of the annexed legal notice or advertisement and that said newspaper has published the requested legal notice and advertisement as requested.

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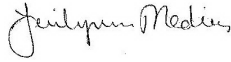
That the annexed legal notice or advertisement was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of said daily newspaper for the period of 2 insertions; and that the first publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated 9/20/2018 and that the last publication of said notice was dated 9/27/2018 in the issue of said newspaper.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand this day, 9/27/2018.



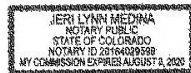
Samantha Johnston, Associate General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the County of Garfield, State of Colorado this day 9/27/2018.



Jerilyn Medina, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: August 3, 2020



NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety proposes to approve Permit Renewal Application No. 7 (RN-7), submitted by MINREC, Inc. for a coal mining permit at the North Thompson Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1981-025). The proposed renewal will allow for continued mining and/or reclamation operations at the site.

The North Thompson Creek Mine is a/an underground operation located in Garfield County, approximately 10 miles Southwest of Cortez, Colorado. Coal interest is federal and private, and the surface to be affected is federal and private land. The permit area encompasses approximately 1,093.50 acres.

This proposed decision is based on a finding that the proposed operation will comply with all requirements of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act, Section 34-33-101 et seq., C.R.S., and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

A copy of the "Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance", including any stipulations, is on file to public inspection at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215 Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, and at the Garfield County Clerk and Recorder, 109 8th Street, Suite 200, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601. Persons with an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may request a formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board on the proposed decision. Such request must be made within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, must be in writing, and must state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and the objections to the proposed decision.

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