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Letter of Recommendation for West Elk Mine

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Mr Dempsey,

Attached is a letter of recommendation to support the nomination of the West Elk Mine for the CMA Awards.

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216 16th St, Suite 860
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December 4, 2018

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Letter of Recommendation for CMA Awards

Dear Mr. Dempsey,

As the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's lead specialist for the West Elk Mine, I have observed first-hand the positive working relationship that Mountain Coal Company maintains with the Paonia Ranger District of the Gunnison National Forest. In my experience, Mine staff work closely with Forest staff at all stages of the mining process from planning through reclamation. This cooperation minimizes misunderstandings between all parties and benefits the efficiency, accuracy and ultimately the quality of the permitting process, leading to better reclamation outcomes.

During my regular inspections of the mine I have also observed MCC's consistent use of water collected in sediment control ponds for dust control on roads, and their successful control of fugitive dust emissions from coal in long-term stockpiles using a commercially available sealant.

Yours sincerely,

Leigh Simmons
Environmental Protection Specialist

