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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

July 3, 2019

Montrose County Commissioners
161 S. Townsend Ave.
Montrose, CO 81401

**Re: New Horizon North Mine (Permit No. C-2010-089)
Bond Release Application No. 2 (SL-2)**

Dear Montrose County Commissioners:

This letter, as required by Rule 3.03.2(5)(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining, is to inform you that the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 2 for the New Horizon North Mine. This decision will be published in the *San Miguel Basin Forum* as soon as possible. Publication of the notice initiates a thirty (30) day public comment period. If, within thirty days, there are no requests for an adjudicatory hearing, the decision will become final.

This Division proposes to approve a phase I bond release on 120.2 acres at the New Horizon North Mine. The area included in this SL-2 meets the requirements for backfilling, grading and drainage re-establishment, in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. The area included in this SL-2 is shown on Map 1 of the SL-2 application. As an interested party, you have the right to an adjudicatory hearing as outlined under Rule 3.03.2(6) of the Rules and Regulations. The request for an adjudicatory hearing must be written and state with specificity the reasons why the hearing is requested. The request must be received within thirty days of the first publication of the proposed decision in the *San Miguel Basin Forum*.

Copies of the proposed decision and findings are available for review at the Division office at the above address and on the Division's website at <http://mining.state.co.us/Reports/MiningData/Pages/ImagedDocumentData.aspx>. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janet H. Binns
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