

April 06, 2020

Mr. Leigh D. Simmons
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Office of Mined Land Reclamation
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

**Re: Mountain Coal Company, LLC, West Elk Mine; Permit No. C-1980-007;
Quarterly Summary of Subsidence Observations; 1st Quarter 2020**

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC) began longwall mining the E-Seam in December 2008. MCC has completed longwall mining of longwall panels LWE1 through LWE8 and started mining of longwall panel LWSS1 during the 1st Quarter of 2020. At the end of the 1st Quarter, MCC had mined out longwall panel LWSS1 up to crosscut 27 in the headgate.

There was one stock pond (DF-35) within twice the angle-of-draw of the mined area of LWSS1 during this quarter, and mining was not within a mile of Monument Dam. Winter weather and ground conditions did not permit inspections this quarter. All inspections will continue when weather and ground conditions allow. Routine inspection reports for Monument Dam, Forest Service Roads and Stock Ponds are included with this letter report.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at (970) 929-2238 or by e-mail should you have questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

Kathleen G. Welt

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Environmental Engineer III

Enclosures: Monument Dam Inspections – First Quarter 2020
US Forest Service Road Inspections – First Quarter 2020
Stock Pond Inspections – First Quarter 2020

cc: D. Gray - USFS
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