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## DRMS Response to Request for Inspection - West Elk Mine, Permit No. C-1980-007

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Please see attached response.

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**Re: Request for Inspection Over Failure of West Elk Mine, Permit Number C-1980-007, to  
Comply With Applicable State Coal Mining Laws and Regulations and Permit  
Requirements**

Dear Conservation Groups representatives,

In response to your letter dated June 11, 2020, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted an inspection of recent surface disturbance in the Sunset Roadless Area at the West Elk Mine. The inspection took place on June 18, 2020, and was attended by Matt Reed and Julie Slivka, representing Conservation Groups, as well staff of Mountain Coal Company, LLC., and of the Division.

A copy of the Division's inspection report was sent by email to representatives of all interested parties on June 22, 2020. This concludes the Division's response to the June 11 letter.

Yours sincerely,

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