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West Elk Mine
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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;
Minor Revision No. MR-453: South Prong Restoration**

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC) submits this letter, permit page change, a restoration plan, and revised Table of Contents for Exhibit 80 in application of Minor Revision MR-453 to complete restoration of about 50' of South Prong Creek on MCC's property. The attached conceptual plan prepared by Wright Water Engineers includes typical stream dimensions, alignment, profile, substrate material, and revegetation plan. Page 2.05-64 has been revised to reference the riparian species that will be included in this project.

Following the streambed restoration work, the access ramp to the stream will be backfilled with soils excavated nearby. The backfilled area will then be blended into the natural terrain, topsoil redistributed and then reseeded with the mountain shrub upland seed mix as shown in permit Table 39A and included on the last page of the restoration plan. MCC will also seed the adjacent previously disturbed hunting camp parking area where equipment was staged for this project. A four-wire fence enclosure will be constructed around the restoration area to prevent livestock access until the vegetation is well established.

Due to inclement weather, MCC needs to proceed with this project as soon as possible, so your timely consideration of this application would be appreciated. Please contact me at (970) 929-2238 or by e-mail, kwelt@archrsc.com, should you have questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

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