



COLORADO
**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**
Department of Natural Resources

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Assistant State Supervisor
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Ecological Services
445 W. Gunnison Ave, Suite 240
Grand Junction, CO 81501-5711

**Re: Bowie No. 2 Mine (Permit No. C-1996-083),
Permit Renewal and Section 7 Consultation**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety is reviewing an application to renew an existing permit to conduct coal mining operations at the Bowie No. 2 Mine. The applicant, Bowie Resources, LLC, proposes to continue underground coal mining and/or reclamation operations on land located approximately five miles northeast of Paonia, Colorado. The applicant has applied to renew permit C-1996-083 for another five-year term. This renewal application does not propose revisions to the approved mining and reclamation plan, nor does it propose surface disturbance outside of the currently approved disturbance area.

The most recent Section 7 consultation in accordance with the Endangered Species Act was conducted for this mine site over nine years ago, in 2012. My Division is requesting your opinion regarding the need for another Section 7 consultation for this permit renewal.

Please respond to this letter at your convenience by sending me a letter via email at Rob.Zuber@state.co.us. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me via that email address or call me at 720.601.2276.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Specialist

