

## **EXHIBIT 4 – Proposed Newspaper Notification**

New Elk Coal Company, LLC (NECC) has filed Permit Revision 05 to the current permit (C-1981-012) to expand the permit area for continued coal mining at the New Elk Mine. This application is submitted to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (CDRMS) for approval to mine and reclaim disturbed lands associated with the operations. The New Elk Mine is located approximately 30 miles west of Trinidad, Colorado, in Las Animas County. The USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map "Vigil, Colorado" covers the area of operations. The surface facilities are located in portions of Sections 22, 23, and 24, T33S, R68W.

Operations at the New Elk Mine will include underground mining only by room and pillar mining methods with no proposed secondary coal recovery. As coal is mined, NECC will use the existing New Elk preparation plant for cleaning and processing the coal. As coal production is increased, the rail spur from Trinidad to the Mine will be re-installed for shipping the coal to markets.

A copy of the permit revision application is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's office, Las Animas County Courthouse, Trinidad, Colorado. Written comments on the application may be submitted to, and additional information obtained from the CDRMS, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 886-3567.