



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

Nicki Poulos
Mountain Coal Company, LLC
5174 Highway 133
Somerset, CO 81434

June 21, 2022

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Minor Revision No. 468, (MR-468)
Initial Adequacy Review

Dear Ms. Poulos,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has completed the initial review of materials submitted by Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC) in support of the MR-468 application.

The Division understands that the proposed access road is unrelated to mining or reclamation. It is a disturbance to be constructed, and ultimately reclaimed, by DRMS Inactive Mine Program contractors. Since MCC will not be liable for the reclamation of the road, the Division will not bond for it.

As with the recent MR-464, it is important to thoroughly document all disturbance within the permit area so that it can be accounted for.

1. Please update section 2.05.3(3) of the PAP with a complete description of the road, including its location. Please also specify in the text that the disturbance is not a mine facility, and will not be used in the future for any activity associated with mining or reclamation.
2. Please add a new exhibit to retain all of the associated information.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions

Yours sincerely,

Leigh Simmons
Environmental Protection Specialist

