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## C1980007, West Elk Mine, MR-471, Initial Adequacy Review

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To: "Poulos, Nicki" <npoulos@archrsc.com>

Wed, Nov 9, 2022 at 12:35 PM

Nicki,

The initial adequacy review letter is attached. Your response will enable me to calculate a cost estimate.

The decision due date for MR-471 is November 14, 2022.

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Nicki Poulos  
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5174 Highway 133  
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November 9, 2022

**Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)**  
**Minor Revision No. 471, (MR-471)**  
**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-471 application.

Please respond to the following adequacy items:

1. The currently approved version of Map 53D (visible at <https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/drms/0/doc/927275/Page1.aspx?searchid=08140676-2cae-454b-9b5c-1f6a9ad04abe>) contains helpful labels. These have been omitted from the proposed revised version of the map.  
**Please revise Map 53D to restore the labels for the previously approved features, and label the proposed new fence.**
2. The Deer Creek facilities are described in Exhibit 77 of the PAP. In order to keep the Exhibit complete and comprehensive, the materials approved with MR-471 will be added to the exhibit. The USFS correspondence already submitted describes some aspects of the fence, but for clarity **please specify the following in your response to this letter:**
  - a. **The length and height of the fence and gate**
  - b. **The materials that will be used**
  - c. **The spacing of the fence posts and the method that will be used to set them**
  - d. **The width of vegetation that will be cleared to construct the fence**

Yours sincerely,

Leigh Simmons  
Environmental Protection Specialist

