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Mountain Coal Company, LLC
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West Elk Mine
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Mr. Leigh D. Simmons
Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

**Re: Mountain Coal Company, LLC, West Elk Mine; Permit No. C-1980-007;
Minor Revision No. MR-476 Brush removal for Fire Mitigation in
Coordination with Lazy H Ranch**

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC) submits this letter, application, drawing and permit text for Minor Revision No. 476 to remove oak brush from the area bordering the Lazy H Ranch in order create a fire break and protect the mine site.

MCC will coordinate with the Lazy H Ranch and Colorado State Forest Service to remove sections of oak brush and shrubs to create a desired habitat for wildlife as well as fire protection. With the ongoing issues with the Bear/Edwards mine fire, MCC is taking steps to be proactive in fire safety.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicki Poulos".

Nicki Poulos
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CC: Weston Norris- MCC
Cathie Pagano- Gunnison Co.
Jessica Wilczek- MCC