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West Elk Mine TR-157, letter of incompleteness

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To: "Simmons - DNR, Leigh" <leigh.simmons@state.co.us>

Sat, Jun 21, 2025 at 12:35 PM

Leigh,

Please see the attached cover letter, revised application form and updated public notice.

The public notice should be in the paper on 6/26.

Thanks,

Bob Munz

Manager of Engineering and Environmental Affairs

Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C.

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June 21, 2025

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
Technical Revision No. TR-157 Sylvester Gulch Drainage Modifications

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC) submits this cover letter, updated application and updated public notice for Technical Revision No. 157.

In regard to the responses noted in the initial inadequacy letter:

1. The application form has been updated to indicate Federal and Non-Federal since the mine leases Federal and Non-Federal coal.
2. The planned disturbance is located in previously disturbed areas and therefore has not been included as new disturbance.
3. The public notice has been updated to reflect the correct TR number.
4. Map 34 was not updated as there have been no changes to the Hydrologic Monitoring Stations.

If you have any questions, please call (970)-260-0064.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BM', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bob Munz
Manager of Engineering and Environmental Affairs

CC: Weston Norris – MCC
Cathie Pagano – Gunnison Co.



COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567

APPLICATION FORM FOR A REVISION TO A COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION PERMIT

This form must be completed and submitted with all requests for minor revisions, as defined in Rule 1.04(73), technical revisions, as defined in Rule 1.04(136), and permit revisions, as defined in Rule 1.04(90). All revisions are to address the requirements of Rule 2.08.4. Three (3) copies of the revision, including maps, must be submitted in order for it to be complete.

All revisions are to be formatted so they can be inserted into the permit to replace the revised sections, maps, tables and/or figures, with a revised table of contents, if necessary. The revision submittal date should be printed in the lower right corner of each revision page. A cover letter to the revision should explain the nature of the revision and reference the specific permit sections being revised.

For federal mines, a copy of the revision application must be submitted to all agencies on the federal mailing list (except OSM) at the same time the application is submitted to the Division, and proof of distribution must be submitted to the Division along with the application. Copies of revision pages modified during the review process must be distributed in the same manner, along with proof of distribution. Proof of distribution must be submitted prior to implementation of the revision.

Permit No.: C - 1980 - 007 **Date:** 06 / 21 / 2025

Permittee: Mountain Coal Company, LLC

West Elk Mine

Street: 5174 Highway 133

City: Somerset

State: CO **Zip Code:** 81434 - 0591

Brief Description of Revision: Technical Revision 157 – Sylvester Gulch Drainage
Modifications

Public Notice Attached: Yes X No (*Required for PRs and TRs*)

Bond Increase: Yes No X **Federal** X **Non-Federal** X **Mine** X

Proposed Change in:

Permit Area -

Disturbed (+/-) 0 . 0 Acres

Permit (+/-) 0 . 0 Acres

Affected (+/-) 0 . 0 Acres

Surface Ownership -

Private Land (+/-) 0 . 0 Acres

Federal Land (+/-) 0 . 0 Acres

State Land (+/-) 0 . 0 Acres

Mineral Ownership -

Mineral Private (+/-) 0 . 0 Acres

Mineral Federal (+/-) 0 . 0 Acres

Mineral State (+/-) 0 . 0 Acres

Public Notice

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC), 5174 Highway 133, Somerset, CO 81434, (970) 929-5015, has filed a complete application for Technical Revision No. TR-157 to MCC's Mining and Reclamation Permit No. C-1980-007 with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board), under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. The permit was originally issued by the Board in July 1981, and subsequently renewed in August 1986, January 1993 (effective August 1991), July 1996, July 2001, April 2007 (effective July 2006), November 2011 (effective July 2011), September 2020 (effective July 2016), and July 2022 (effective July 2021). The West Elk Mine five-year permit area contains lands in Sections 9-11, 13-36, T13S, R90W, 6th PM; Sections 23-26, T13S, R91W, 6th PM; and Sections 1-5, 8-12, 14-16, and 21-23, T14S, R90W, 6th PM in Delta and Gunnison Counties. The location of the lands can be found on the USGS 7.5 minute Somerset and Minnesota Pass Quadrangle Topographic Maps. The current permit area encompasses approximately 19,854.9 acres.

Technical Revision 157 is to modify the stormwater design for Sylvester Gulch.

Copies of the technical revision application are available for review at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (CDRMS) office, Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado, 80203, phone (303) 866-3567, and the Gunnison County Planning Office, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite D, Gunnison, CO 81230. Comments or objections concerning the revision application should be directed to the CDRMS at the above address not later than 10 days after the date of publication of this notice in order to be considered.