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July 13, 2012

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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

RE: Prince Albert Mine, 110d Designated Mining Operation Permit Application, No. M-2011-040, Approval.

Dear Mr. Parsons,

On July 20th, 2011 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received Rimrock Exploration's (Rimrock) application for a 110d, Designated Mining Operation (DMO), application No. M-2011- 040. An administrative review of the submission called the application complete for review and considered filed as of July 26, 2011.

On August 15, 2011 the Division received timely comments regarding Rimrock Exploration's application from Western Mining Action Project on behalf of the Sheep Mountain Alliance and Center for Biological Diversity. These comments were treated as an objection to the application. The Division believes it has addressed the issues under its jurisdiction as part of its normal review process of the application.

Per Rule 1.4.6(2): In the event that an objection to a 110d application in the form of a protest is received by the Office pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1.7, the Office shall proceed to issue its decision by the date set for consideration (July 13, 2012). This letter is to notify Western Mining Action Project of the decision to approve the permit application under said Rule. Should Western Mining Action Project disagree with the decision it may file an appeal of the Office Decision per Rule 1.4.11 (1) (b), (c), and (d).

If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by telephone at 970.241.1117, or by e-mail at russ.means@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Russell Means".

G. Russell Means
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Cc: Rimrock Exploration and Development