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December 11, 2012

Marcia L. Talvitie Environmental Protection Specialist Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008), Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6) (CHS #51448)

Dear Ms. Talvitie:

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 26, 2012 (received by our office on December 7, 2012) regarding the subject project.

As the proposed permit renewal does not include modifications to the existing permit, it is our opinion that a finding of no historic properties affected is appropriate for the proposed undertaking.

If previously unidentified archaeological resources are discovered in the course of the project, work must be interrupted until the resources are properly evaluated in terms of the National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4) in consultation with our office.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Mark Tobias, Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4674 or <u>mark.tobias@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Nichols State Historic Preservation Officer ECN/MAT

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