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April 11, 2013

Randy McClure Rio Grande Silver, Inc. P.O. Box 610 Creede, CO 81130 John W. Hickenlooper Governor

Mike King Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda Director

Re: Receipt of 112 Hard Rock/Metal Mining Reclamation Permit Application, Bulldog Mine Operation, File No. M-1977-215

Dear Mr. McClure,

On April 11, 2013, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety received the final required materials of your 112 Hard Rock/Metal Mining Reclamation Permit application for the Bulldog Mine Operation, which is located in Mineral County. It is now considered "submitted." All comment and review periods began on April 11, 2013. The decision date for your application is scheduled for July 10, 2013.

Within ten (10) days after submittal, you must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed mining operation, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks. Immediately after the first publication, mail a copy of the notice to all owners of record of surface rights, holders of any recorded easements, and all owners of record of lands that are within 200 feet of the boundary of the affected land. Proof of notice and mailings, such as Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested, must be submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety prior to the decision date. Additionally, any changes or additions to the application on file in our office must also be reflected in the public review copy which has been placed with the Mineral County Clerk and Recorder.

The Division is reviewing your application to determine whether it is adequate to meet the requirements of the Act. We will contact you if additional information is needed.

Please be reminded that all operators must contact the Colorado Department of Health, Water Quality Control Division regarding storm water permits.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Division's Durango Field Office: 691 CR 233, Room A-2, Durango, CO 81301; telephone 970-247-5193.

Sincerely,

Bob Oswald

Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Russ Means, DRMS Grand Junction

Tom Malecek, USFS Monte Vista

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