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MEMORANDUM

To:

Foster E. Kirby, Colorado Federal Lands

Coordinator, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation

and Enforcement

From:

Terri L. Debin, Assistant Regional Solicitor Lew L. Debin

Subject:

Mining Plan Modification Decision Document for

Oxbow Mining, LLC's Elk Creek Mine, Sanborn Creek

We have reviewed the draft mining plan decision document for the subject mine. We find that this document is legally sufficient for the purposes for which it is intended. Note that we have made a couple editorial comments on the document.

We did not attempt to verify land or legal descriptions, or map depictions.

Attachment (draft mining plan decision document)