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**RE: Decision to Approve a Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting,
Wanakah Mine, NOI File No. P-2013-010**

Dear Ms Mauch, Ms Thurston, and Mr. Clement:

On July 11, 2013, the Office determined the application for the Wanakah Mine NOI to have satisfied all applicable requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act, 34-32-101 et seq., C.R.S. (the Act), and the Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations (the Rules), and approved the application.

Pursuant to Rule 5.1.3(d)(iv), the approval decision is not effective until the expiration of the appeal period provided under Rule 5.1.3(d)(ii), and/or the Board hearing, if necessary, as provided under Rule 5.1.3(d)(iii). The approved prospecting activities are not authorized to commence until the Office's decision becomes effective.

Please contact me at the Division's office in Durango at 691 County Road 233, Suite A-2, Durango, Colorado 81301, phone (970) 247-5469, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Wallace H. Erickson
Environmental Protection Specialist

ec: John Clement, Liz Mauch, Jennifer Thurston, Russ Means