UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

This mining plan approval document is issued by the United States of America to:

Twentymile Coal, LLC 29515 RCR27 Oak Creek, CO 81467

for a mining plan modification to mine within Federal Coal Lease COC54608 at the Foidel Creek Mine. This mining plan approval supplements all previous mining plan approvals for the Foidel Creek Mine. The approval is subject to the following conditions. Twentymile Coal, LLC is hereinafter referred to as the operator.

- 1. Statutes and Regulations. This mining plan approval is issued pursuant to Federal Coal Lease COC54608; the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*); and in the case of acquired lands, the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.*). This mining plan approval is subject to all applicable laws and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior which are now or hereafter in force; and all such laws and regulations are made a part hereof. The operator shall comply with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution and Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*), and other applicable Federal laws.
- 2. This document approves the mining plan modification for Federal Coal Lease COC54608 at the Foidel Creek Mine and authorizes coal development or mining operations on the Federal leases within the area of mining plan approval. This authorization reaffirms the approved mining plan area located within Federal coal lands.

COC54608

Sixth PM, T5N, R86W;

SEC. 21: N¹/₂NW¹/₄, N¹/₂S¹/₂NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, N¹/₂NE¹/₄; SEC. 22: N¹/₂NW¹/₄

These lands encompass approximately 310 Federal coal acres and are shown on the mining plan approval area map attached hereto as Attachment A.

- 3. The operator shall conduct coal development or mining operations only as described in the complete permit application approved by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, except as otherwise directed in the conditions of this mining plan approval.
- 4. The operator shall comply with the terms and conditions of the leases, this mining plan approval, and the requirements of the Colorado Permit No. C-1982-056 issued under the

- Colorado State program, approved pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*).
- 5. This mining plan approval shall be binding on any person conducting coal development or mining operations under the approved mining plan and shall remain in effect until superseded, canceled, or withdrawn.
- 6. If, during mining operations, unidentified prehistoric or historic resources are discovered, the operator shall ensure that the resources are not disturbed and shall notify the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. The operator shall take such actions as are required by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety in coordination with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.
- 7. The Secretary retains jurisdiction to modify or cancel this approval, as required, on the basis of further consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq*.

Katharine S. MacGregor Acting Assistant Secretary

Land and Minerals Management

Attachment