UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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

Trapper Mining Inc. P.O. Box 187 Craig, CO 81626

for a mining plan modification to continue mining within Federal Coal Leases C-07519 & C-079641 at the Trapper Mine. This mining plan approval supplements all previous mining plan approvals for the Trapper Mine. The approval is subject to the following conditions. Trapper Mining Inc. is hereinafter referred to as the operator.

- 1. Statutes and Regulations. This mining plan approval is issued pursuant to Federal Coal Leases C-07519 & C-079641; 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 new mining plan modification for Federal Coal Leases C-07519 & C-079641 at the Trapper 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.

C-07519

Township 5 North (T5N), Range 90 West (R90W), 6th 10 Prime Meridian (P.M.) Section 6, Lots 8 through 19 inclusive

T6N, R90W, 6th P.M. Section 31, Lots 5 through 20 inclusive

C-079641

T5N, R90W, 6th P.M. Section 5, Lots 5 through 20 inclusive

T6N, R90W, 6th P.M. Section 32, Lots 4 through 16 inclusive

These lands encompass approximately 2,423 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-1981-010 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*.

Janice M. Schneider

Assistant Secretary

Land and Minerals Management

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Attachment