



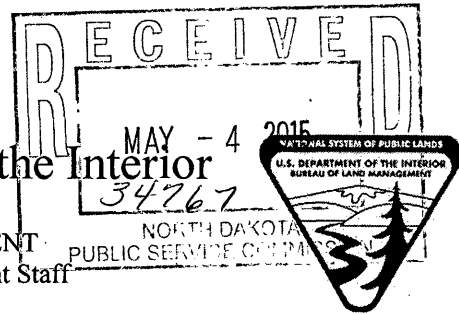
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Dear Mr. Calle,

Thank you for giving the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) an opportunity to determine whether the disturbances proposed by Coyote Creek Mining Company, L.L.C. (CCMC) will have substantial or adverse effects on the Federal coal tracts. We have reviewed CCMC's Revision No. 1 to the Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACC-1302.

This revision adds 352.105 acres to the permit in T. 143 N., R. 88 W, Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, and 18. Sections 10 and 18 contain unleased tracts of Federal coal. CCMC has obtained surface leases from the private land owners over these tracts of Federal coal that will enable them to pursue the proposed mining-related disturbances. These disturbances include plans for the construction of a haul road, a coal handling facility, a coal stockpile, and two sedimentation ponds.

BLM has determined that there will not be any substantial or adverse effects to the Federal coal mineral estate by permitting the Federal coal tracts in T. 143 N., R. 88 W., Sections 10 and 18.

If you have any questions, please call Anne Allen at 406-896-5082.

Sincerely,

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