

March 8, 2016

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cory Gardner  
United States Senator  
354 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Scott Tipton  
United States House of Representatives  
218 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator/Representative,

Thank you for your correspondence to U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewel on December 16, 2015, regarding the importance of the timely completion of the court ordered Environmental Assessment (EA) at Trapper Mine in Craig, Colorado. We believe your engagement was of great assistance in ensuring the process was thoughtful, thorough and completed under the prescribed timelines.

As you know, the recommended course of action from the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is a Finding of No Significant Impact, also known as a FONSI. Our organization, along with many others from across Colorado and hundreds of individuals, participated in the public comment process. These organizations, elected officials, community leaders and individuals urged OSMRE to adopt the Proposed Action and the Mine Plan. We believe a thoughtful and detailed analysis of Trapper and its impacts occurred, and approval of the plan is the the right choice.

The deadline for action by the Department of Interior on this process is April 30. We write today asking you to share your support for the Proposed Action, and reiterate your request that the timeline is met through Secretary Jewell's approval on or before April 30.

Thank you in advance for your engagement on this important issue.

Best regards,

Ray Beck, Mayor