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Subject: In Appreciation. Whiskey Creek Restoration Project, C/007/001

Dear Mr. Baker:

I would like to thank you, the Water Quality Board and all those in the Division of Water Quality, who were involved in processing and approving the Grant Agreement that provides funding to stabilize the White Oak Mine site. In particular, I would like to thank Mark Schmitz for spearheading this project. Mark was very helpful in providing guidance on biosolids application and in obtaining cooperation from treatment plant managers and coordination with the EPA/Denver office. Mark's knowledge of the applicable Rules and Guidelines were key to obtaining consensus on the use of biosolids by our staff, the landowner and the treatment operators. Mark saw the project as integral to DWQ's efforts to reduce sediment flows into Scofield Reservoir and suggested we apply for the Nonpoint Source grant. Mark guided our application. The Coal Program sincerely appreciates his efforts.

Sincerely,

Dana Dean, P.E.
Associate Director, Mining

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