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January 18, 2011

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests
Attn: Forest Supervisor
2250 Hwy 50
Delta, CO 81416

Re: Federal Coal Lease Modification COC-61357

Dear Sirs,

The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners supports the Oxbow Mining, LLC application to modify existing federal coal lease COC-61357 affecting portions of Section 32 and 33 of T.12S, R. 90W, 6th PM in Gunnison County. Coal in the existing lease is mined from the Elk Creek Mine near Somerset, Colorado.

It is not anticipated that this lease modification will require further surface facilities to mine Oxbow's D seam reserves. The modification should help to maximize available coal resource utilization as well as extend miner employment and payment of severance taxes.

We hope that you will view the application favorably as we believe that, as much as possible, it encourages environmentally sound and safe energy and mineral development. Additional comments are provided by Gunnison County Geographic Information Services Manager Mike Pelletier in the attached correspondence.

Sincerely,

Hap Channell, Chairperson | Paula Swenson, Commissioner | Phil Chamberland, Commissioner

cc: Oxbow Mining, LLC
Geographic Information Services Manager Mike Pelletier

Encl: Gunnison County Geographic Information Services Manager Mike Pelletier Correspondence, dated 1/4/2011

January 4, 2011

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RE: Federal Coal Lease Modification COC-61357

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the Gunnison County staff, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Federal Coal Lease Modification COC-61357. The following are Gunnison County's scoping comments on this project.

1. This project is located within our North Fork Valley Coal Resource Special Area Regulations and is subject to the Coal Resource Special Area Coal Mining Regulations.
2. Identify any surface improvements, including but not limited to, roads, buildings, irrigation ditches, and utilities within the project area. Examine the potential for damage due to subsidence upon these improvements.
3. Costs of monitoring and mitigating damages must be borne by the applicant.
4. Applicable Gunnison County regulations apply, including but not limited to reclamation and noxious weed control.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments regarding this project. Gunnison County reserves the right to revisit these comments and amend them as lawfully necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the county's residents and visitors.

Respectfully Submitted,

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