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OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT  
WESTERN REGION  
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320  
Denver, CO 80202

In Reply Refer To:  
FILE CODE (COS01000)  
RE: COC-78825

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING  
DOI-BLM-CO-S010-2019-0003-EA  
King II Coal Mine - Dunn Ranch Area  
Lease-by-Application and Mine Plan Modification

OPTIONAL REPLY: DUE MARCH 11, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL – Return Receipt Requested - **INSERT NUMBER HERE (Admin. Asst. fills this in – delete me)**

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**Mr. John Doe  
PO Box 12345  
Durango, CO 81303**

Dear **NAME**:

By letter dated October 30, 2018 the BLM - Tres Rios Field Office and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) Western Region notified you of the GCC Energy, LLC proposed federal coal lease-by-application and mining plan modification project at the King II Coal Mine in La Plata County, Colorado. At that time, you were requested to contact us if your tribe had an interest to initiate government-to-government consultation, if you wanted to provide comments on the analysis, and/or if there issues/concerns of religious and cultural significance to your tribe that should be considered and addressed through the environmental analysis process and under National Historic Preservation Act.

The agencies are now initiating *public* scoping to seek input regarding the potential impacts of the proposed project. Therefore, we are enclosing a copy of the Scoping Notification for your information and response. Please note, minor corrections to correct acres and the legal description are reflected in the enclosed scoping letter. If people have any comments in their capacity as private individuals or organizations, we would like to direct them to comment in the manner described in the enclosed scoping letter.

If the **NAME OF TRIBE** have any *additional* comments and information related to this proposal, please submit in writing to the BLM by March 11, 2019 by email or postal mail to the appropriate address listed below.

Email: coalcommenttresrios@blm.gov  
Postal Service: BLM - Tres Rios Field Office and  
OSMRE – Western Region  
Attn: King II Coal LBA  
29211 Highway 184  
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The Agencies may hold informational meetings, at which time additional comments would be accepted. You will be notified if such informational meetings are scheduled.

If you would like to provide comments, arrange a call/meeting to discuss this project, or initiate government-to-government consultation, please notify this office by March 11, 2019 at Mychal Yellowman - OSMRE 1999 Broadway Suite 3320, Denver, CO 80202-3050 or through email at [myellowman@osmre.gov](mailto:myellowman@osmre.gov) or Connie Clementson - Tres Rios Field Office 29211 HWY 184, Dolores, CO 81323 or through e-mail at [cclementson@blm.gov](mailto:cclementson@blm.gov). We look forward to hearing from you regarding this proposal.

If you have questions about the BLM coal program or analysis, please contact James Blair at (970) 882-7296. For questions regarding the OSMRE NEPA process, please contact Gretchen Pinkham at (303) 293-5088.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Connie Clementson*

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Connie Clementson  
Field Manager  
BLM - Tres Rios Field Office

*/s/ Mychal Yellowman*

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Mychal Yellowman  
Manager, Indian Programs Branch  
OSMRE – Western Region

Enclosure - Scoping Letter