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The Honorable Sally Jewell
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Dear Secretary Jewell:

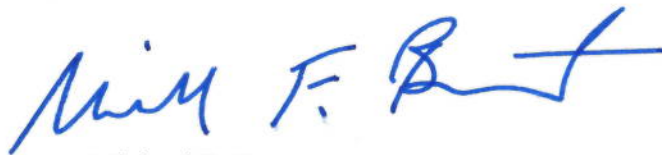
I write to urge you to visit Moffat County, Colorado to meet with the community regarding the recent court ruling and ongoing environmental assessment at the Colowyo Coal Mine.

It is encouraging that the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) is working in collaboration with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association to address the deficiencies that the court identified. The OSM has begun a public outreach process with a meeting on June 10th and the announcement of public comment periods. Approximately 600 people attended the OSM's public meeting and many have submitted comments on the ongoing environmental assessment.

I appreciate the Department of the Interior's actions so far to complete the review process and protect the local community from significant job losses. The community needs to know, however, that you and the Department appreciate the importance of this to their livelihoods. Your presence in northwest Colorado would emphasize this commitment and allow those affected to describe their concerns to you. It is my hope that you can travel to northwest Colorado to meet with the community firsthand to hear their concerns.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
U.S. Senator