

May 7, 2015

Office of Natural Resources Revenue
P.O. Box 25165
MS61030A
Denver, CO 80225

Dear Sir or Madam,

Big Sky Economic Development is writing on behalf of Cloud Peak Energy and their concerns regarding the Office of Natural Resource Revenue's Proposed Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform. Cloud Peak Energy has outlined their position on this very clearly in their recent statement from CEO, Colin Marshall. Big Sky Economic Development would like to share with you how valuable this company is to our community, state and region.

Cloud Peak Energy is a Platinum member investor at Big Sky Economic Development. Big Sky Economic Development is a public-private partnership that supports business recruitment, retention and community development. Cloud Peak Energy contributes at the highest level of support that we receive both financially and with resources for our ever growing community. We have a very solid partnership and they contribute resources, jobs, and a valuable natural resource that Montana and the Nation rely on for both livelihood and energy needs. They have been an excellent corporate partner to our community, supporting areas that directly benefit the community as well as maintaining a quality of life for their employees. They have been engaged in many of our initiatives, including energy, workforce, community development and more. We count on Cloud Peak Energy to work with us as we grow our economy.

Because of this strong partnership, Big Sky Economic Development felt compelled to offer our support and respect for their continued interest in this upcoming reform and share the quality relationships that they have built in the areas they serve.

Sincerely,

Steve Arveschoug
Executive Director, Big Sky Economic Development