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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

Department of Natural Resources

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Re: Proposed Decision

Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6) Elk Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1981-022)

To Whom It May Concern:

Please publish the attached legal notice in the *Delta County Independent* once per week for two consecutive weeks beginning as soon as possible. For reimbursement, please send the invoice and proof of publication to Ms. Mary Rodriguez of our office at the above address. For questions regarding the publication, please contact me.

Please respond to Brock.bowles@state.co.us to verify receipt of this publication request.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Enclosure

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety proposes to Approve Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6), submitted by Oxbow Mining, LLC for a coal mining permit at the Elk Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1981-022). The proposed renewal will allow for continued mining and/or reclamation operations at the site.

The Elk Creek Mine is a/an Underground operation located in Delta, Gunnison County/Counties, approximately 0 miles N.CD.description of Somerset, Colorado. Coal interest is Federal and private, and the surface to be affected is Federal, state and private land. The permit area encompasses approximately 15,676.51 acres.

This proposed decision is based on a finding that the proposed operation will comply with all requirements of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act, Section 34-33-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

A copy of the "Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance", including any stipulations, is on file for public inspection at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215 Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, and at the Delta, Gunnison County Clerk's Office, 501 Palmer, Suite 227, Delta, CO 81416. Persons with an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may request a formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board on the proposed decision. Such request must be made within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, must be in writing, and must state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and the objections to the proposed decision.