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PUBLIC NOTICE

Seneca Coal Company, 37796 Routt County Road 53, P.O. Box 670, Hayden, Colorado 81639, has requested release of total bond liability on 6.25 acres of permitted lands at the Yoast Mine (CDMG Permit No. C-94-082, approved August 5, 1995).

The Yoast Mine is located approximately 8.5 miles southeast of the Town of Hayden, Colorado off of Routt County Road 27. The specific area to which this bond release request applies is included within the Permit Area located as follows:

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Section 28: Portions of NW¼, NW¼SW¼, SW¼NE¼
Section 29: Portions of SE¼
Section 32: Portions of NW¼NE¼, W½E½

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Section 5: Portions of W½E½
Section 8: NW¼, SW¼, W½NE¼, and W½SE¼
Section 16: SW¼NW¼, NW¼SW¼, and portions of SW¼SW¼, NW¼NW¼, SE¼NW¼, NE¼SW¼, and NW¼SE¼
Section 17: All
Section 18: NE¼SE¼, S½SE¼
Section 19: E½ and portions of E½W½
Section 20: SW¼NW¼, N½NW¼, W½SW¼ and portions of N½NE¼
Section 29: NW¼NW¼
Section 30: N½NE¼

All located west of the 6th Principal Meridian; totaling 2,318.3 acres.

The area requested for bond release is a 6.25 acre parcel in the Yoast permit area, along County Road (CR) 27 (aka Turnout Area), that previously served as dragline deadhead route when a dragline was "walked" from the Seneca II mining area to the Yoast mining area. This area was previously reclaimed according to DRMS and landowner approvals (parking lot and livestock grazing) and was subject to the bond release process. Routt County acquired control of this area in order to construct a round-about to improve public traffic safety between vehicles traveling north and south on CR 27. Within this 6.25 acre area, approximately 1.97 acres was acquired by Routt County as right-of-way for the round-about constructed in 2012. The majority of the remaining permit area west of the right-of-way served as disposal site for excess material excavated during the construction of the round-about through an agreement between Routt County and the landowner. The limited area remaining that is adjacent to the west boundary of the permit has never been disturbed. Seneca Coal Company requested a land use change from livestock grazing and wildlife habitat to industrial/commercial postmine land use and requested that the 6.25 acre area be removed from the Yoast Mine permit area. A self-bond in the amount of \$2,221,677 is currently in place of which \$16,382.81 is being requested for release.

A copy of the SL-5 bond release application is available for public inspection at the Hayden Public Library, 201 E. Jefferson Avenue, Hayden, Colorado 81639. Written comments

or objections or requests for public hearing or informal conference concerning this application may be submitted to, and additional information obtained from, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203-2273, (303) 866-3567. Comments must be received within 30 days of the last publication of this notice or within 30 days of the onsite inspection, whichever is later.

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