



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

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**Re: Hawk Nest E & W (Permit No. C-1981-016)  
Bond Release Application No. 1 (SL-1)**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please publish the enclosed legal notice once per week for two consecutive weeks, 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 or correspondence regarding the publication, please contact me.

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 has issued a proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 1 (SL-1) for the Hawk Nest E & W, Permit No. C-1981-016. This decision constitutes a full release of reclamation liability for the Hawk Nest E & W. Pursuant to Rule 3.03.3(1), the Division is proposing to terminate its jurisdiction over this entire coal mining operation. The underground operation is operated by Western Slope Carbon, Inc. under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. The bond release application was submitted by Western Slope Carbon, Inc. on August 2, 2013. The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety is initiating the process to terminate its jurisdiction of the Hawk's Nest Mine. The Division completed the reclamation at the mine site following the permit revocation and bond forfeiture. After a minimum of ten-years following the final seeding at the site, The Division completed two years of vegetation monitoring. The Division is proposing to terminate its jurisdiction of the site. The affected area is located in Gunnison County, approximately 3 miles East of Somerset, Colorado.

Copies of the proposed decision are available for review at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety office, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, and on the Division's website at

<http://mining.state.co.us/Reports/MiningData/Pages/ImagedDocumentData.aspx>. A user's guide for our document imaging system is also available in pdf format at the same web address.

Any person who has an interest which is or may be adversely affected may request an adjudicatory hearing regarding this proposed decision. Requests for a hearing must be made in writing within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this notice, and shall state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and objections to the proposed decision.