

PUBLIC NOTICE

New Elk Coal Company, LLC, 12250 State Highway 12, Weston, CO 81091, the operator of Lorencito Canyon Mine, has submitted to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, a complete application for renewal of the Lorencito Canyon Mine, Permit C-1996-084.

The Lorencito Canyon Mine is located approximately 20 miles west of Trinidad, Colorado in Section 33 of Township 33 South, Range 66 West and other unplatted lands on the Hill Ranch in Townships 33 and 34 South, Range 66 West, . The Hill Ranch is generally located southeast of Weston, Colorado between the South Fork of the Purgatoire River on the west, Highway 12 on the north, Lorencito Canyon on the east, and Little Alamosa Canyon on the South. These lands can be located on USGS 7.5 minute Little Pine topographical quadrangle map.

The permit renewal will allow New Elk Coal Company's mining permit to be extended for an additional five-year term after its expiration date of November 7, 2017. A copy of the permit renewal application is available for public inspection at the Clerk and Recorder's Office located in the Las Animas County Court House and at the offices of the Division: 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, telephone number (303)866-3567.

Any written comments, objections or request for an informal conference on this permit renewal may be submitted to the Division at the above address within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice.

Dates of publication: _____