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I, **Mary Culver** do solemnly swear that I am **Secretary of Forum Newspapers, Inc.;** that the same is a weekly newspaper printed in whole or in part, and published in the County of Montrose, State of Colorado, and has a general circulation therein; that said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterrupted in said County of for a period of more than fifty-two weeks prior to the first publication of the annexed legal notice advertisement; that said newspaper has been admitted to the United States mails as second-class matter under the provisions of Act of March 3, 1879, or any amendments thereof, and that said newspaper is a weekly newspaper duly qualified for publishing legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of the laws of the State of Colorado.

That the annexed legal notice or advertisement was published in the regular and entire issues of every number of said weekly newspapers for the period of 4 consecutive insertions; and that the first publication of said notice was in the issue of the newspaper dated September 13 A.D., 2018, and that the last publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated October 4 A.D., 2018

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D., 2018

Mary Culver

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Montrose, State of Colorado this 5 day of Oct. A.D., 2018

(Notary Public)

Roger Culver

My Commission Expires

03-04-2021

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase I, II and III Bond Release of a portion of the New Horizon North Mine site. The application is denoted as SL-01 and pertains to the New Horizon North Mine, Permit No. C-2010-089 (issued June 20, 2012) by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P.O. Box 628, Nucla, Colorado 81424, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

The Phase I, II and III bond release application is for three plugged and abandoned monitoring wells. The wells were plugged and abandoned in August of 2018. The status of these wells being applied for bond release is consistent with the requirements of the approved reclamation plan, which includes plugging and abandoning monitoring wells. Listed below is a general legal description of this area:

NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 25, Township 47 North, Range 16 West of the 6th P.M.

The New Horizon Mine currently holds a self-bond in the amount of \$5,254,691.17, which includes the above listed monitoring wells. With this application, the New Horizon Mine will be requesting relinquishment of 100% of the bond held for these abandoned monitoring wells.

A copy of the bond release application is on file at the Montrose County Courthouse Annex, 300 Main Street, Nucla, Colorado and the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety at Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference concerning this bond release application should be addressed to the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Comments must be filed within thirty (30) days from the last date of this publication, or within thirty (30) days of the completed inspection by the CDRMS, whichever is later.

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