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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 Montrose for a period of more than fifty-two weeks prior to the first publication of the annexed legal notice or 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 January 10 A.D., 2014, and that the last publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated January 21 A.D., 2019

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

this 31 day of Jan, A.D., 2019

Mary Culver

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public  
in and for the County of Montrose, State of Colorado

this 31 day of Jan, A.D., 2019

Roger Culver

(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires

03-04-2021

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulation 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 Bond Release of a portion of the New Horizon North Mine site. The application is denoted as SI-02 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 bond release areas were backfilled and graded from 2014 to 2018. The status of the reclamation is consistent with the requirements of the approved reclamation plan which includes backfill and grading to the approved post mine topography, topsoil replacement (where applicable) seeding with the approved seed mixtures (where applicable), and installation of an irrigation system. This area includes approximately 120 acres and is shown in detail on Map 1 within the application. Listed below is a general legal description of this area:

The SW¼ and the NW¼ of Section 25 Township 47 North, Range 16 West of the 6th P.M., County of Montrose, State of Colorado.

The New Horizon North Mine currently holds a self-bond in the amount of \$5,254,691.17, which covers the above listed areas. With this application, the New Horizon North Mine will be requesting relinquishment of 60% of the bond held for these parcels being applied for under this application.

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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