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C1981022 Elk Creek and Sanborn Creek Mines MR-112 Additional Information

Doug Smith <Doug.Smith@oxbow.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at 4:05 PM

To: "leigh.simmons@state.co.us" <leigh.simmons@state.co.us>

Cc: Mike Ludlow <Mike.Ludlow@oxbow.com>

Leigh,

Please find the attached files describing the history of A and C Gulch emergency activities and associated reclamation. There is an attachment included for the Borehole Abandonment section of the permit to be included with

MR-112.

Also, please extend the completion date for MR-112 until October 2, 2020.

Yours,

Doug Smith

Oxbow Mining, LLC

(970) 929-6034

5 attachments



1-MR112 LETTER 9-22-2020.pdf

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2-MAP 2.05-M1 4 of 6.pdf

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3- MSHA Sanborn Creek Final Map 052413.pdf

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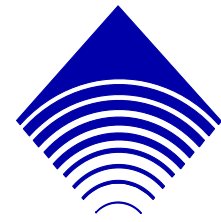
4-2004 AWARD ARTICLE AND PHOTO.pdf

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5-2.04-E3 TOC AND A-C GULCH ABANDONMENT FOR PERMIT.pdf

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September 22, 2020

Mr. Leigh Simmons
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

Via email

Re: Oxbow Mining, LLC., CDRMS Permit C-1981-022, Minor Revision 112 (MR112) for the Elk Creek and Sanborn Creek Mines Additional Information

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Please accept this additional information regarding reclamation of A Gulch and C Gulch Emergency Facilities that are located above the abandoned Sanborn Creek Mine.

Oxbow activities in A Gulch and C Gulch included emergency road construction and drilling activities. This was in response to a spontaneous combustion fire event that occurred in the Sanborn Creek Mine. On January 26, 1999 elevated carbon monoxide levels were detected in the Sanborn Creek Mine. Shortly thereafter, steps were taken to successfully extinguish the fire and to later re-enter the mine to resume production.

In order to fight the fire, gas monitoring holes and water flood/dewater wells were required. Gas monitor holes installed by Oxbow include SCM-GM1, SCM-GM2, SCM-GM3, and SCM-GM4. Water Flood/ Dewater Wells installed by Oxbow include SCM-WM1. Holes WSC-GM1, 2, 3 and WSC-WF1 shown on Map 2.05-M1 Sheet 4 of 6, were proposed but not drilled.

General Facilities Map 2.05-M1 Sheet 4 of 6, within the permit, shows the locations of the holes and roads at issue and is provided as an attachment to this email. The Final Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Ventilation Map for Sanborn Creek Mine is also included as an attachment. The MSHA map SCM hole locations matches the SCM hole locations on the General Facilities Map for A gulch. The MSHA map does not show WSC holes as having been drilled.

Reclamation of the A Gulch and C Gulch Emergency facilities was completed in the Fall of 2003 by Rundle Construction. Lance Rundle of Rundle Construction recalls plugging and cementing the holes in A Gulch prior to reclaiming the roadways, although no records of the hole completions were made.

In February of 2005, Oxbow Mining received a Coal Mined Land Reclamation – Steep Slope Reclamation Award from the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology and the Colorado Mining Association, for Rundle Construction reclamation work in A Gulch. A submittal for a newspaper article with a photograph, which describes the reclamation project is attached.

Attachments to this letter include:

General Facilities Map 2.05-M1 Sheet 4 of 6

The Final MSHA Ventilation Map for Sanborn Creek Mine

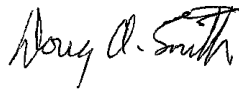
Newspaper article submittal with photograph

Attachments for placement in the Permit:

Exhibit 2.04-E3 Borehole Abandonment Information (Table of Contents)

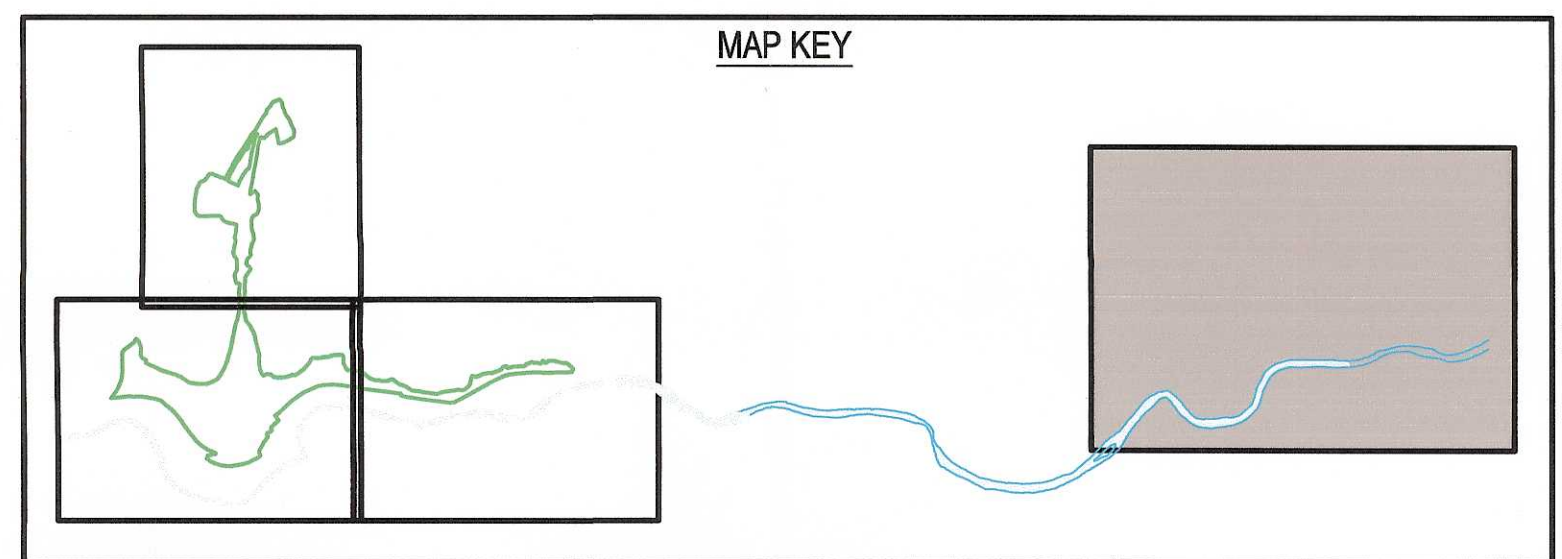
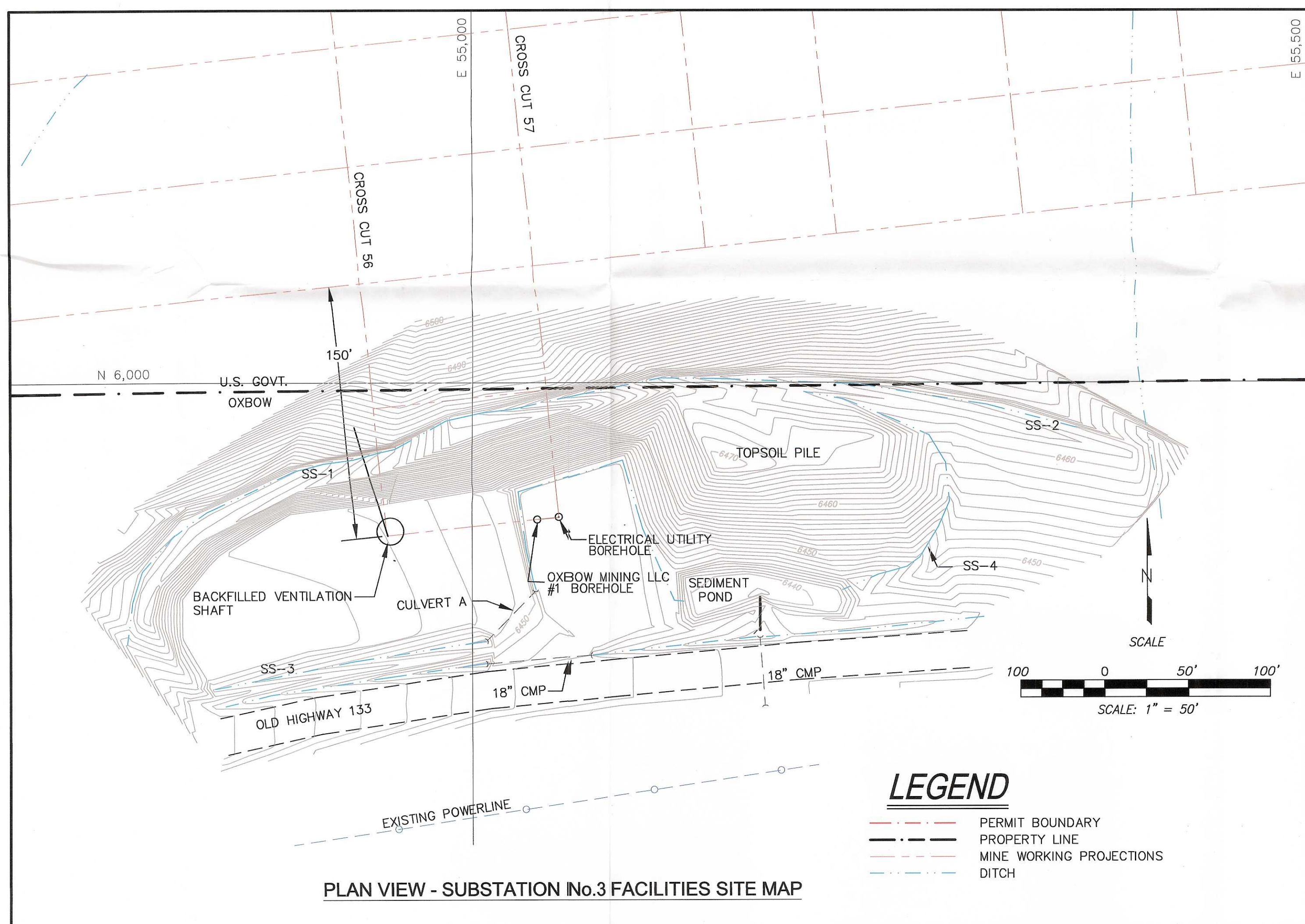
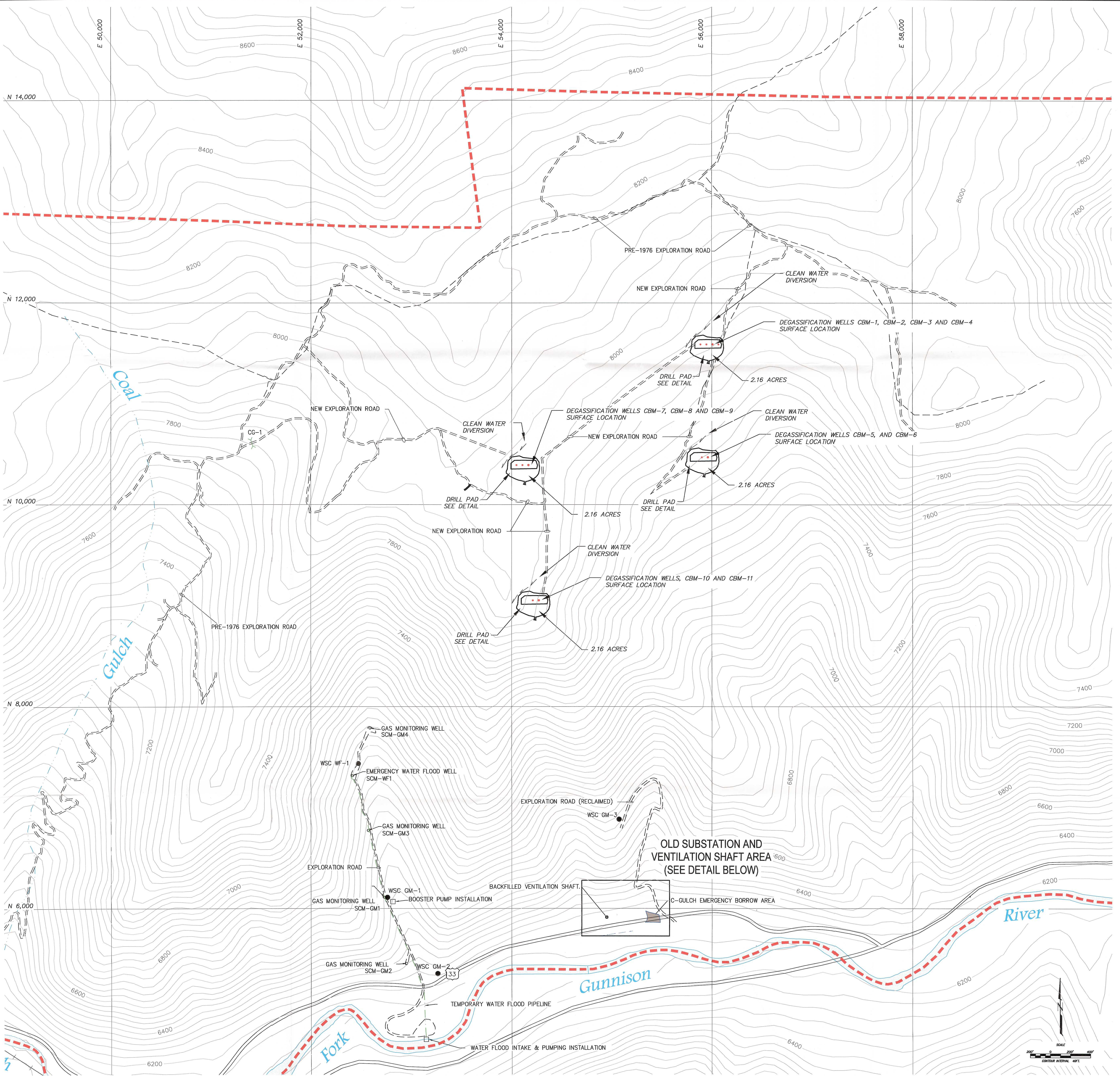
A Gulch and C Gulch Emergency Hole Information

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug A. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug A. Smith
Chief Engineer
Oxbow Mining, LLC
(970) 929-6034

Cc Mike Ludlow
files



LEGEND

- PERMIT BOUNDARY
- DITCH
- CULVERT
- BERM
- UTILITIES
- STREAM
- UNPAVED ROAD
- PAVED ROAD
- NEW/MODIFIED ROADS
- JEEP ROADS

Note: Original Mapping Information Provided by OXBOW MINING LLC

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER'S STATEMENT

I, Thomas E. Leidich, state that the changes in revision, TR-70 dated 04/11 were prepared under my supervision and all the information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and information.

Date: 4/14/11 Thomas E. Leidich CO P.E. # 31459

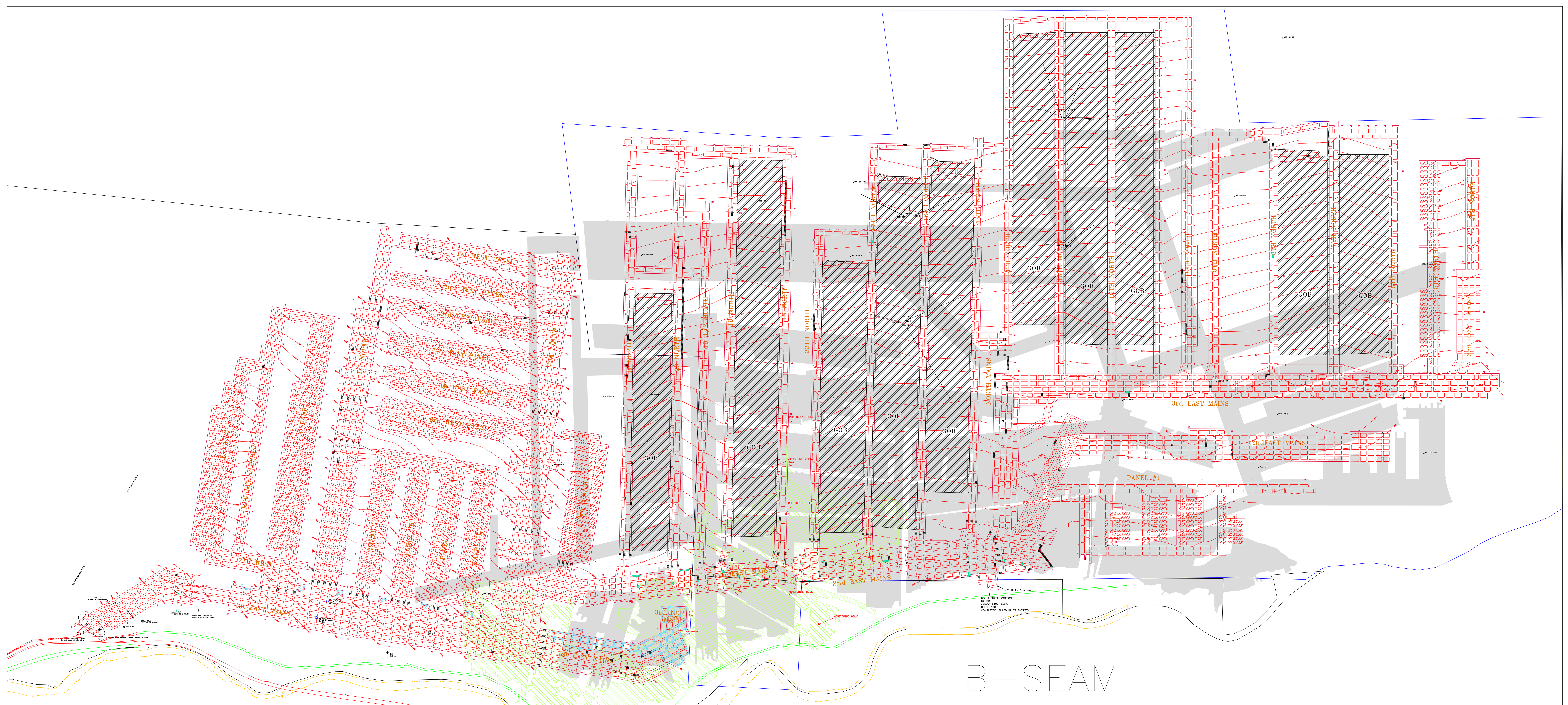
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4	MR58 Culvert CG-1 Design	7/01	Keuscher	Bever	Leidich
3	PR-04 Responses	5/01	Leidich	Bever	Leidich
2	Issued for Oxbow MR-57/TR-39 Revision	3/01	Nettleton	Gates	Leidich
1	Issued for MR-56	3/13/01	Keuscher	Conrath	Nettleton
0	Issued for PR-04	8/00	Keuscher	Conrath	Nettleton
REV.	REVISIONS	DATE	DESIGN BY	DRAWN BY	REVIEWED AND

Oxbow
Carbon & Minerals, Inc.
Elk Creek Mine

P.O. Box 535
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PROJECT:	PERMIT REVISION PR-04
DRAWING TITLE:	GENERAL FACILITIES
C-1981-0232	MR101
01-29-12	01-29-12
Sheet 4 of 6 Sheets	SCALE: AS SHOWN
DRAWING No. 2.05-M1	

MONTGOMERY WATSON



FAN DATA	
MAIN FAN	
LOCATION	Fan #3
MANUFACTURER	#3 SUBSTATION SHAFT
MODEL	JEFFERY MINING PRODUCTS
TYPE	84A18HS Vane Axial
SIZE	108" Diameter
SPEED	1200 RPM
WATER GAUGE	53 inches
AIR VOLUME	297.60 CFM
WATER FLOWING	22.50 GPM
HORSE POWER	22.50 HP
MAXIMUM AMP	600 AMP 3ø
VOLTAGE	2300 VAC
LOCATION SYMBOL	

LEGEND

HORIZONTAL SLIP ZONE		MAN DOOR (LEFT OPEN)	
INTAKE AIR SHaft		PRIMARY INTAKE ESCAPE	
RETURN AIR SHaft		ALTERNATE ESCAPEWAY	
OVERCAST		DAM	
STEEL SETS/ARCHES		STOPPING	
FEE COAL BOUNDARY		PERMANENT MINE SEAL	
SECTION LINES		REGULATOR	
CONVEYOR BELT		MAN DOOR	
COAL OUTCROP		EQUIPMENT DOOR	
ROOF FALL		SUMP	
ROOF FALL (Cleaned)		FAULTS	
CURTAIN		BURN LINE	
COAL EXTRACTED (FLDOR)		DRILL HOLES	
INTAKE AIR		LEASE COAL BOUNDARY CD-55510	
RETURN AIR		WALL CURTAIN OR VENTILATION PIPE	
PUMP TRANSFORMER		STANDING WATER	
WATER PUMPING STATION		EQUIPMENT POINT	
CD-MONITORING POINT		IN-MINE METHANE DRAINAGE	

NOTES:

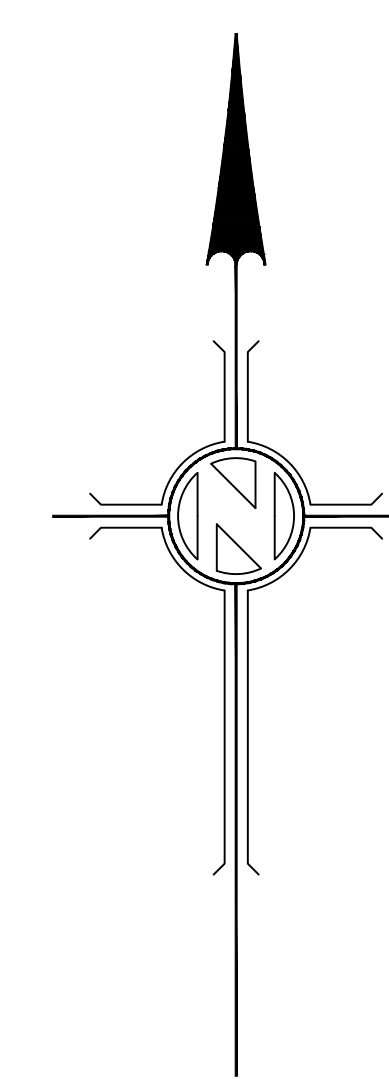
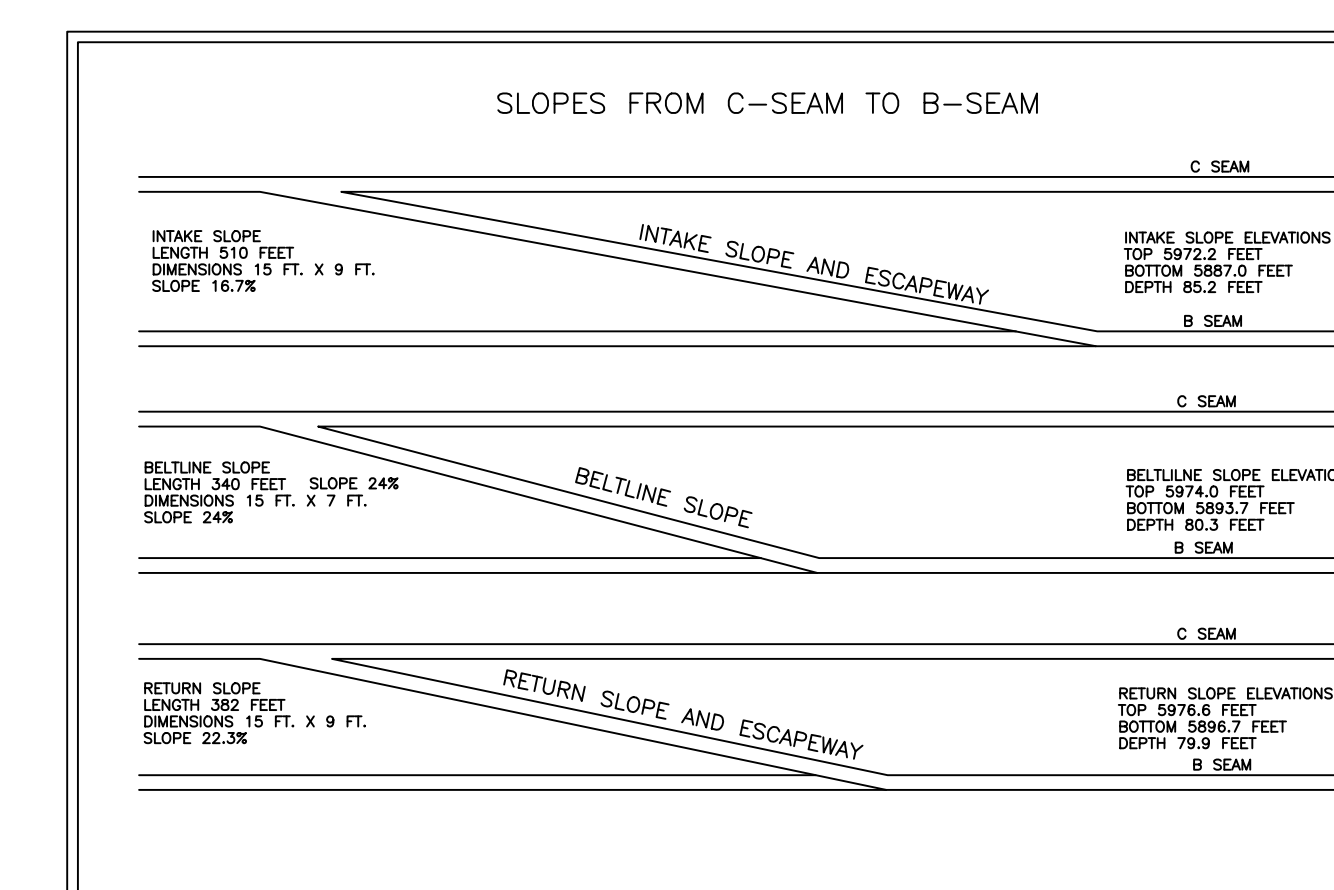
1. All areas of the Sanborn Creek Mine have been sealed.
2. Mine elevations shown are roof elevations.
3. Dip of the coal seams is 5%.
4. Strike of the coal seam trends from North to N40E.

NOTES:

1-ALL ELEVATIONS ARE ROOF ELEVATIONS.	7-MAXIMUM OVERBURDEN DEPTH:
2-THERE ARE NO PRODUCING OIL OR GAS WELLS ON PROPERTY	8-0.0' ± SEAM WORKINGS OVERLIE B SEAM 460 FEET.
3-AVERAGE HEIGHT IN C-SEAM WALKING IS 7.2'	9-0.0' ± SEAM WORKINGS OVERLIE B SEAM 560 FEET.
4-AVERAGE HEIGHT IN D-SEAM WALKING IS 10.0' ±	10-0.0' ± SEAM WORKINGS OVERLIE B SEAM 60 FEET.
5-COORDINATES ARE BASED ON THE COLORED	11-AVERAGE HEIGHT IN C-SEAM BELT LINE IS 8.1'
COORDINATE SYSTEM, CENTRAL ZONE.	12-AVERAGE HEIGHT IN D-SEAM BELT LINE IS 8.2'
6-NORTH NORTH AMERICAN DATA	
7-ELEVATIONS ARE BASED ON U.S.G.S.	
8-SEAM SEAL LEVEL DATA	
9-ELEVATIONS ARE NOT ADJUSTED TO NEW SEA LEVEL.	

I, BENJAMIN L. GODWIN, A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER IN THE STATE OF COLORADO DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS MAP OF THE SANBORN CREEK MINE WAS PREPARED UNDER MY SUPERVISION, AND THAT THE MINE IS ACCURATELY REPRESENTED ON THE MAP TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

BENJAMIN L. GOLDWIN, DE 34266



		P.O. BOX 535 SOMERSET, CO. 81434	
DES.		MSHA I.D. # SANBORN CREEK MINE 05-04452	
DRW. BLG		VENTILATION MAP B-SEAM and C-SEAM Responsible Person: Jim Cooper Executive Vice President	
Date: Mar. 12 2003		E:\Draw\Ventilation\Somer Vent Apr 2003.dwg	
		Scale: 1" = 300'	Sheet 1 of 1

“A GULCH” STEEP-SLOPE RECLAMATION

“Gulch A” is a steeply sloping, south-facing gulch located east of the Sanborn Creek Mine portals. The area was disturbed in the spring of 1999 for fire-suppression and fire monitoring activities within the Sanborn Creek Mine. Approximately 2800 feet of roads and four drill pad construction were followed by the completion of seven boreholes drilled to the Sanborn Creek Mine workings. The boreholes were used for monitoring the mine atmosphere, water injection and water pumping.

The reclamation of these features was completed in the fall of 2003 by Rundle Construction, an earthmoving contractor from Hotchkiss, Colorado. The reclamation of these features presented tough challenges due to the limited space within which to work and very steep slopes.

The project consisted of borehole sealing with concrete, removal of excess protruding steel casing, and drill pad and access road regrading to approximate original contour using track mounted excavators. In order to provide for seedbed and erosion control features, the final slopes were left in a semi-rough condition with furrows, pits and ridges left on contour. Rocks encountered during the regrading were placed in the reclaimed natural ephemeral drainages to provide for erosion control.

The approved seed mix was broadcast seeded onto the slopes followed by installation of a coconut erosion control blanket.

The reclamation efforts were recently recognized by the Colorado Mining Association (CMA) and the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology on February 4, 2005 at the CMA 107th National Western Mining Conference & Exhibition. The awards showcase the very best in Colorado mining and reclamation, safety and pollution prevention.

The text of the award was as follows:

“2004 COAL MINE STEEP-SLOPE RECLAMATION

OXBOW MINING, LLC SANBORN CREEK & ELK CREEK MINES

The company was recognized for outstanding road and drill pad reclamation work in the steep canyon area known as A Gulch. A Gulch is a steeply sloping, south-draining gulch east of the Sanborn Creek Mine portals. The area was disturbed in the spring of 1999 for fire-suppression activities within the Sanborn Creek Mine. The reclamation of these features presented challenges due to the limited space within which to work, an Oxbow has managed the project to ensure excellent backfilling and hill slope stabilization.

Accepting the award for Oxbow Mining LLC were Jim Kiger, Environmental Coordinator, Randy Litwiller, Mine Manager, and Lance Rundle, Rundle Construction.”



EXHIBIT 2.04-E3

Geologic Information, Item 9 **Borehole Abandonment Information**

Submitted August 2010 – MR-91

GVB-LW03-01, 02,	GVB-LW09-01, 01B, 02, 03, 04, 05
GVB-LW04-01, 02, 03	GVB-LW10-01, 02, 03, 03B, 03C,
GVB-LW07-02, 03, 04	GVB-LW11-01A, 01B, 02, 03
GVB-LW08-01, 02, 03, 04,	GVB-LW12-01

Submitted December 2010 – MR-94

DG1	VB-01S-01 Utility
DW1	GVB-LW15-03
D2B2	GVB-LW15-04
D2B2A	GVB-LW15-05
D2B2B	GVB-LW15-06
VB-01S-01	GVB-LW15-07

Submitted December 2012 – MR-102

GVB-LW10-04	GVB-LW17-01A, 01B, 01C
GVB-LW10-05	GVB-LW17-02, 02C
GVB-LW15-01A	GVB-LW17-03
GVB-LW15-01B	GVB-LW17-04, 04B, 04C,
GVB-LW15-02	GVB-LW17-05B
GVB-LW15-08	GVB-LW17-06, 06B
GVB-LW16-01B, 01C, 01D, 01E	GVB-LW17-07
GVB-LW16-02, 02B, 02C	GVB-LW17-08, 08C
GVB-LW16-03	GVB-LW17-09
GVB-LW16-04, 04B	GVB-LW18-03B
GVB-LW16-05B, 05C	GVB-LW18-07
GVB-LW16-06	GVB-LW19-01A
GVB-LW16-07, 07B, 07C	GVB-LW19-03

Submitted January 2015 – MR-106

GVB-LW16-05
GVB-LW17-05

Submitted October 2015 – MR-107

Mine Dewater Boreholes: Dewater I, Dewater II
Mine Recovery Gas Monitor Boreholes: TGBMPA, TGA, HGA, 5B, HGBMP
GVB-16-08
GVB-17-02B, 06C
GVB-18-01B, 02, 02B, 03, 04, 04B, 04C, 05, 06, 07B, 08, 09
GVB-19-01B, 01C, 01D, 02, 02B, 03B, 04, 04B, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09

Submitted December 2017 – MR-108

CBM-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14

Submitted August 2020 – MR-112

ECM: 10-68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76
TC-1 WELL ABANDONMENT REPORT, TC-2 WELL OWNERSHIP TRANSFER
GVB-16-01, GVB-17-08B, GVB-06-02, GVB-12-02, GVB-12-03, GVB-18-01A
SCM-GM1, SCM-GM2, SCM-GM3, SCM-GM4, SCM-WF1, WSC GM-1, WSC GM-2, WSC GM-3, WSC WF-1

Geologic Information, Item 9
Borehole Abandonment Information
A Gulch and C Gulch Emergency Hole Information

<u>HOLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DRILLED</u>	<u>HOLE ABANDONED PAD AND ROAD RECLAIMED</u>
SCM-GM1	A GULCH	SPRING 1999	FALL 2003 BY RUNDLE CONSTRUCTION
SCM-GM2	A GULCH	SPRING 1999	FALL 2003 BY RUNDLE CONSTRUCTION
SCM-GM3	A GULCH	SPRING 1999	FALL 2003 BY RUNDLE CONSTRUCTION
SCM-GM4	A GULCH	SPRING 1999	FALL 2003 BY RUNDLE CONSTRUCTION
SCM-WF1	A GULCH	SPRING 1999	FALL 2003 BY RUNDLE CONSTRUCTION
			<u>PAD AND ROAD RECLAIMED</u>
WSC-GM1	A GULCH	NOT DRILLED	FALL 2003 BY RUNDLE CONSTRUCTION
WSC-GM2	A GULCH	NOT DRILLED	FALL 2003 BY RUNDLE CONSTRUCTION
WSC-GM3	C GULCH	NOT DRILLED	FALL 2003 BY RUNDLE CONSTRUCTION
WSC-WF1	A GULCH	NOT DRILLED	FALL 2003 BY RUNDLE CONSTRUCTION