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West Elk SL13 Documentation

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Hi Mr. Simmons,

I have just received the proof of publication associated with West Elk's SL-13 and have attached it to this email along with a scan of the certified mail receipts.

Please let me know if you need any further documentation for this application.

Thanks

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PUBLIC NOTICE LLC Mountain Coal Company, (MCC), 5174 Highway 133, Somerset, CO 81434, (970) 929-5015, has filed a Phase II Bond Release Request Application to MCC's Mining and Reclamation Permit No. C-1980-007 with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board), under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. MCC's mining and reclamation permit was originally issued in July 1981, and subsequently renewed in August1986, January 1993 (effective August 1991), July 1996, July 2001, April 2007 (effective July 2006), and November 2011 (effective July 2011.) MCC is currently undergoing a five-year permit renewal process that would extend the permit term to July 31, 2021. MCC's five-year permit area contains lands in Sections 9-11, and 13-36, TUS, R90W, 6th PM; Sections 23- 26, T13S, R91W, 6th PM, and Sections 1- 5, 8- 12, 14-16 and 21-23, T14S, R90W, 6th PM in Delta and Gunnison Counties. The location of the lands can be found on the USGS 7.5 minute Somerset and Minnesota Pass quadrangle topographic maps. The current permit area encompasses approximately 19,854.9 acres. MCC is requesting Phase II Bond Release for 93 features of primarily reclaimed mine ventilation borehole (MVB) pads and access roads. Phase I bond release was achieved for these features with past application Nos. SL-05, SL-07, SL-08, and SL-10. This area covers approximately 41.6 acres of private and National Forest System lands specifically located within portions of Sections 14, 23, 27, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 13 South, Range 90 West, and Sections 1, 2 and 3, Township 14 South, Range 90 West. MCC is requesting a release of reclamation bond liability of an additional fifteen percent (15 %), for a total release of 85% of the applicable bond amount posted for those sites in this application, as allowed by Colorado statute. The reclaimed areas have met the applicable vegetation bond release criteria for Phase II bond release and MCC has provided a demonstration that surface runoff from the reclaimed areas does not contribute sediment levels above that of adjacent native undisturbed areas. Reclamation of the MVB pads and roads within MCC's permit area were completed between 2011 and 2015. This included proper plugging and abandonment of boreholes, as well as backfilling and regrading of drill pad locations and roads, and replacement of salvaged topsoil. The MVB pads and roads proposed for bond release have been revegetated using various methods of seeding, fertilizing, and mulching, including the installation of straw and erosion control matting. A copy of the Phase II Bond Release application is available for review at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203, phone (303) 866 -3567, and the Gunnison County Planning Office, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite D, Gunnison, CO 81230. Comments or objections concerning the application should be directed to the CDRMS at the above address not later than 30 days after the first date of publication of this notice (published 4 times consecutively) in order to be considered. Published in the Delta County Independent September 2, 9, 16 and 23, DL-11579

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of September, 2020.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of September, 2020.

Notary Public

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