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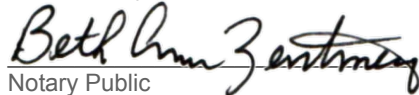
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF DELTA

Signed or attested before me on this

31st day of March, A.D. 2021.



Notary Public

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Public Notice

Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC), 5174 Highway 133, Somerset, CO 81434, (970) 929-5015, has filed a request for partial, Phase I Bond Release of MCC's Mining and Reclamation Permit No. C-1980-007 with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board), under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. The permit was originally issued by the Board in July 1981, and subsequently renewed in August 1986, January 1993 (effective August 1991), July 1996, July 2001, April 2007 (effective July 2006), November 2011 (effective July 2011), and September 2020 (effective July 2016). The West Elk Mine five-year permit area contains lands in Sections 9-11, 13-36, T13S, 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 I Bond Release of approximately \$95,000.00 (i.e. sixty percent (60%) of the \$158,186.00 reclamation performance bond posted) for mine ventilation boreholes (MVBs) and associated pads and roads that have been reclaimed within the Dry Fork of the Minnesota Creek area totaling about 12.05 acres. These sites are located on National Forest System lands within portions of Sections 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11 of Township 14 South, Range 90 West.

Reclamation of the various site locations and roads within MCC's permit area was completed in 2019 through 2020. Reclamation included proper plugging and sealing of MVBs, as well as backfilling and regrading pad locations and access roads. The borehole sites and roads proposed for bond release have been revegetated and stabilized using various methods of seeding, fertilizing, and mulching.

A copy of the Phase I Bond Release application is available for review at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), 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 within thirty (30) days of the last publication of this notice, or within thirty (30) days of the completed inspection, whichever is later. Published in the Delta County Independent March 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2021