

SL-7 Bond Release Inspection

COMPANY: Bowie Resources, LLC

MINE: Bowie No. 1

PERMIT NO: C1981038

DATE OF INSPECTION: May 6, 2021

WEATHER: Sunny and calm

ATTENDEES:

Landowners: Sarah and Kirk Morgan

Company Official: Basil Bear

Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS): Rob Zuber, Michael Cunningham

OSMRE Official: Dan MacKinnon #554

Overview

OSMRE attended the phase II and III SL-7 bond release inspection concentrating on the ROM (sometimes referred to by Timber Storage) Area. Overall these lands were well-reclaimed and functioning as designed with good evidence (e.g. browse, scat) of wildlife use.

Two issues were discussed. One minor maintenance item (treating a thistle population) was identified; the operator agreed to take care of the issue. Eliminating the entrance road from consideration for bond release in SL-7 was also discussed and recommended by all parties. The landowners would like to retain this road; however, the permit currently calls for its full reclamation. This change in reclamation status for the road requires a technical revision to the permit, and if retained in the SL-7 package would force a delay in its finalization. After the discussion all parties present agreed to “cut out” the road from this bond release (SL-7) and it will be reviewed after the technical revision is approved.

Inspection

We began the inspection at a safe pullout across the street from the site where we discussed eliminating the entrance road from SL-7 and other general items; we then performed the field inspection.

All lands were stable, well vegetated and functioning as designed. A population of thistle was discovered (DRMS has the location); the operator agreed to treat it by the end of May 2021. The landowners agreed the reclamation was sufficient to earn their endorsement if the operator treated the thistle. No other issues or concerns were noted and this concluded the bond release inspection.



Figure 1 - An example of the reclamation (grassland) adjacent to undisturbed lands (shrubland and forest).



Figure 2 - The reclamation inspected from another vantage point.



Figure 3 - Reclamation just upslope of a stream (not pictured). All lands were appropriately vegetated and stable.