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Paonia Ranger District

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Mr. Daniel MacKinnon  
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Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

The Paonia Ranger District has reviewed the Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance submitted by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the Elk Creek Mine's SL-3 Phase II Bond Release. This bond release contains 50.44 acres of reclaimed lands on private and federal surface.

A representative of the Forest Service was present for the inspections and concurs with the decision of DRMS for Phase II bond release on the reclaimed roads and well pads on Forest Service lands.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Gray at [daniel.gray@usda.gov](mailto:daniel.gray@usda.gov) or at (970) 527-4131.

Sincerely,

LEVI BROYLES

District Ranger

