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Julie Loudon

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PUBLIC NOTICE

New Elk Coal Company LLC, 12550 Highway 12, Weston, CO 81091, the operator of the New Elk Mine, Permit number C-1981-012, is filing a permit revision of the New Elk Mine with the State of Colorado, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS). Permit C-1981-012 renewal was approved by the Division on November 14, 2019. For filing purposes, this permit revision application was deemed complete by the Division on

The New Elk Mine is located approximately 7 miles west of Weston, Colorado in Township 33 South, Range 68 West, in sections 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27. A reclaimed vent shaft is located in Township 33 South, Range 67 West, in Section 19. These sections can be located on the USGS 7.5 minute Vigil and Weston quadrangle maps. The Jansen Loadout is also part of Permit C-1981-012 and is approximately 2 miles west of Trinidad, Colorado in Township 33 South, Range 64 West, in sections 22 and 27. These sections can be located on the USGS 7.5 minute Trinidad quadrangle map. A total of 227.80 acres of surface disturbance from mining related activity is covered by corporate sureties bond in the amount of \$4,647,856.06.

NECC has filed Permit Revision 05 to the current permit (C-1981-012) to expand the permit area for continued coal mining at the New Elk Mine. This application is submitted to CDRMS for approval to mine and reclaim disturbed lands associated with the operations.

Operations at the New Elk Mine will include underground mining only by room and pillar mining methods with no proposed secondary coal recovery (no subsidence). As coal is mined, NECC will use the existing New Elk preparation plant for cleaning and processing the coal. This revision adds affected area along Colorado State Highway 12 between mile markers 43.5 and 44.5. It also adds affected area along the entirety of County Road 23.3.

The permit revision is on file for public inspection at the Las Animas County Courthouse, Office of the County Recorder (200 East First St., Trinidad, Colorado). It is also available on the CDRMS website for public inspection. A public hearing, for the purpose of determining whether the interests of the public and affected landowners will be protected may be requested by contacting CDRMS, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203 in writing within 30 days of the last publication of this notice. Such hearing would be held in Las Animas County or virtually. Any other written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference on this permit revision must be submitted to CDRMS within 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice.

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