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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2022

Mary Culver

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Montrose, State of Colorado

this 16 day of June, A.D., 2022

Roger Culver

(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires

03-04-2025

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase I, II, and III Bond Release of a portion of the New Horizon Mine site. The application is denoted as SL-25 and pertains to the New Horizon Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008 (approved April 6, 1983) by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P. O. Box 628, Pueblo, Colorado 81424, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. The New Horizon Mine is located approximately 2 miles west of Nucha, Colorado.

The Phase I, II and III bond release application is for nine plugged and abandoned monitoring wells and two plugged and abandoned backfill wells. All eleven wells were plugged and abandoned in November of 2021. The status of these wells being applied for bond release is consistent with the requirements of plugging and abandoning monitoring wells.

The Phase I bond release areas applied for, contains areas backfilled, graded, and topsoil replacement has occurred. The Phase I bond release areas total 24.5 acres. The Phase II bond release areas applied for were reclaimed in 2011-2013, 2016, and 2018, and totals 11.4 acres. The work to reclaim the Phase II bond release areas included topsoiling and seeding the areas with the approved seed mixtures. All areas being released are consistent with the requirements of the New Horizon Mine permit backfill.

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