



September 13, 2022

Basil Bear
Bowie Resources, LLC (BRL)
P.O. Box 1488
Paonia, CO 81428

**Re: Bowie No. 1 Mine, Permit C-1981-38,
Preliminary Adequacy Review of the SL-08 Application**

Dear Mr. Bear:

On May 24, 2022, the Division received BRL's application for Bond Release Number 8 (SL-08). The following issues regarding the SL-08 submittal must be addressed before the Division can approve the application. The current decision due date is October 20, 2022, but this can be extended if necessary.

1. Per Division policy, contribution of annual and biennial species to the relative cover measurement should not exceed 10%. The dataset submitted for 2019 shows that annual and biennial species contributed 18.06% towards relative cover. Please address in your response.
2. Also per Division policy, contribution of annual and biennial species to the production measurement should not exceed 10%. The dataset submitted for 2019 shows that annual and biennial species contributed 14.47% towards production. Please address in your response.
3. It appears that pond names are reversed on at least one map in the submittal. Please check the naming of ponds, and update as appropriate.
4. Yellow starthistle was seen at the West Mine during the Division inspection of July 20, 2022. The Division requires that the area near this A List species be removed from the SL-08 application. The Division believes that a 100-foot buffer around this area is appropriate. Please re-submit maps and other relevant materials to accomplish removal of the area. Also, please address if this impacts the analysis of revegetation success performed by Cedar Creek consultants. If it does impact the analysis, please ask them to perform an updated analysis and submit the results with your adequacy responses.

As always, call or e-mail me with any questions related to this review, and/or submit a formal response via the Division's ePermitting system.

Thank you,

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