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RE: Proposed Decision of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
(CDRMS)  
SL-8 Phase III Bond Release at the Bowie No. 1 Mine, Permit Number C-1981-038.

Dear Mr. Medlin:

This is to inform you that my staff has reviewed the CDRMS Findings and the Proposed Decision dated November 23, 2022, and we concur with CDRMS's findings.

We note that CDRMS accepts that Bowie Resources, LLC conducted reclamation of the area known as the Bowie #1 Mine-West Mine Area and has sufficiently replaced topsoil, established the success standard for vegetative cover, provided for the support of the post-mining land use of rangeland /wildlife habitat, and protected the hydrologic balance in accordance with the approved reclamation plan thereby meeting all requirements of the Act and the Rules at the site and further qualifying them for phase III bond release.

We acknowledge that the reclaimed lands included in the bond release area total 12.31 acres located on BLM managed surface and Coal Lease C-037210. We also acknowledge that the reclaimed area was once used to support underground mining activities that included coal mined from federal mineral estate managed by the BLM. We have determined that all the facilities and the related surface they occupied had served their useful purpose and were no longer necessary. We agree that the subject reclamation acres are completed as CDRMS reported. It is my decision that BLM-UFO has no objection to the subject Phase III Bond release.

If you have any questions, please contact Foster Beckett at (970) 824-5077 or (970) 326-5198.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Copping  
Uncompahgre Field Manager

CC: Robert Zuber, CDRMS  
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