



January 24, 2024

Amber Gibson
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St., Rm. 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Lorencito Canyon Mine
Permit C-1996-084
2023 Annual Reclamation Report

Dear Mrs. Gibson:

Enclosed is the Annual Reclamation Report form for 2023 for Lorencito Canyon Mine, calculation sheet for areas on the mine site, and 2023 ARR Map.

Activities in 2023 included noxious weed control using Tordon to combat occurrences of Canadian Thistle, Hounds-Tongue, and Knapweed. The entire mine site was sprayed for noxious weeds from the months of April to September. NECC also performed ditch and culvert maintenance as appropriate throughout the mine site.

Areas of reclamation were regularly inspected for erosion including for the formation of rills or gullies that would require minor maintenance. Persisting rills were combated with the use of branches. NECC continues to work its way throughout the site to rid the site of all rills. These inspections, as required by the mine's Rill and Gully Inspection Plan were conducted at least monthly by NECC staff during the period from April to October and additionally, after significant precipitation events.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Terry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

John Terry

Lorencito Acreage Calculation Sheet

Disturbance	
Area	Acres
Surface Disturbance	123.38
Phase III Released	27.20
Total Area of Roads	6.78
Total Area of Ponds	6.21
Borrow Area 3	1.80
Total	165.37

Permanent Facilities	
Area of Roads	Acres
Main Road Through Surface Disturbance	6.02
Road to Pond 8	0.35
Road to Pond 9	0.28
Road to Pond 9a	0.13
Total Area of Roads	6.78
Area of Ponds	
Area of Ponds	Acres
Pond 5	0.93
Pond 6	1.27
Pond 7	1.12
Pond 8	1.45
Pond 9	0.67
Pond 9a	0.77
Total Area of Ponds	6.21
Total Permanent Facilities	12.99

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Annual Reclamation Report for Calendar Year – 2024

Lorencito Canyon Mine	C-1996-084	New Elk Coal Co. LLC
Mine Name	Permit Number	Permittee
12250 Highway 12, Weston, CO 81091		
Address		

This report, required by Rule 2.04.13, is due by February 15 of each year, or other date, as agreed upon by the Division. It should include text, discussion, and maps, at a minimum, in addition to any other reclamation monitoring data as required by the approved permit. The location of the acreage reported under each land status category and year of seeding (if applicable) should be clearly identified on a map included with the report.

Land Category	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Acreage in Active Mining Areas ¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	=	0.0

Land Category	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Acres Disturbed ²	165.37	0.0	0.0	=	165.37
Acres Backfilled and Graded	125.08	0.0	0.0	=	125.08
Acres Topsoiled	125.08	0.0	0.0	=	125.08

Acreage in Long-term Facilities ³	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Non-Permanent Facilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	=	0.0
Permanent Facilities (permitted)	40.19	0.0	0.0	=	40.19
Totals	40.19			=	40.19

Acres Seeded (permanent)	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
9 Years and Less	0.2	0.0	0.0	=	0.2
10 Years and Greater	124.98	0.0	0.0	=	124.88
Totals	125.18			=	125.08

Bond Release	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Phase I Released	149.2	0.0	0.0	=	149.2
Phase II Released	27.2	0.0	0.0	=	27.2
Phase III Released	27.2	0.0	0.0	=	27.2

¹Includes pits, topsoil stripped areas in advance of pits, and spoil not backfilled and graded

²Surface Mine Acres Disturbed = B&G + Long-Term Facilities + Active Mining Areas; Underground Mine Acres Disturbed = B&G + Long-Term Facilities; Separately-permitted Loadouts = B&G + Long-Term Facilities

³Includes haul, access and light-use roads, temporary dams and impoundments; permanent dams and impoundments; diversion and collector ditches, water and air monitoring sites; topsoil stockpiles; overburden stockpiles; repair, storage and construction areas; office area, repair shops, and parking; coal stockpiles, loading, and processing areas; railroads, coal conveyors; refuse piles and coal mine waste impoundments; head-of-hollow fills; valley fills; ventilation shafts and entryways; and non-coal waste disposal area (garbage dumps and coal combustion by-products disposal areas).