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I, Tanner Nelson, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that I am the Representative of San Miguel Basin Forum, a publication that is a "legal newspaper" as that phrase is defined for the Town of Nucla, for the County of Montrose, in the State of Colorado, that this affidavit is Page 1 of 1 with the full text of the sworn-to-notice set forth on the page that follows, and that the attachment hereto contains the correct copy of what was published in said legal newspaper in consecutive issues on the following dates:

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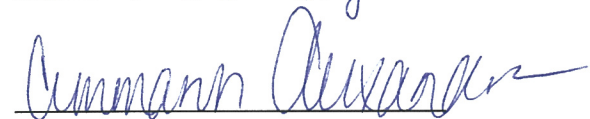
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STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MONTROSE)

Signed or attested before me on this

5 day of February, A.D. 2024



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LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECISION (SL-26)

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 26 (SL-26) for the New Horizon Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008. Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation has requested Phase I release of 0.1 acres associated with the C-15 Ditch. ERM also requested Phase II release of 1.8 acres; 0.1 acres for the C-15 Ditch and 1.7 acres for the SP-2 Stock Pond. ERM requested Phase III release for 1.8 acres; 0.1 acres for the C-15 Ditch and 1.7 acres for the SP-2 Stock Pond. The surface operation is operated by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. The bond release application was submitted by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC on August 15, 2023. Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC is requesting Phase I, Phase II and Phase III release on 0.1 acres associated with the C-15 Ditch, and Phase II and Phase III release of 1.7 acres associated with the SP-2 Pond. The affected area is located in Montrose County, approximately 1.7 miles Northwest of Nucla, Colorado.

Copies of the proposed decision are available for review at <https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/drms/search.aspx> by searching C1981008 in the "Permit No" field. A user guide is available to help first time users of the imaged document system and can be viewed at https://drive.google.com/file/d/118OUdf_Mpjo3kxIHkP5hMH-w7MeBtxX7/view..

An "person who has an interest which is or may be adversely affected may request an adjudicatory hearing regarding this proposed decision. Requests for a hearing must be made in writing within thirty (30) days of the date following initial publication of this notice, and shall state with reasonable specificity the reasons for the request and objections to the proposed decision.

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