



February 15, 2024

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

Re: New Elk Mine  
Permit C-1981-012  
2023 Annual Reclamation Report

Dear Mrs. Gibson:

Enclosed is the Annual Reclamation Report form for 2023 for New Elk Mine, 2023 ARR Maps for the East and West Portal and drill areas; and tables showing ARR calculations in detail.

The Yearly Reclamation Table (Table 1) shows the calculations for the ARR form by year, starting in 2004. The Reclamation Activity Table (Table 2) shows backfill and grade, topsoil, seeded, and re-disturbed acres by location and year. The Entire Site Activity Table (Table 3) shows the acreages for the entire site along with what year and how many acres were backfill and grade, topsoiled, and seeded.

Major activities in 2023 included noxious weed control using Tordon to combat occurrences of Canadian Thistle, Hounds-Tongue, Field Bindweed, and Downy Brome. The entire mine site as well as Jansen Yard and offsite drill locations were sprayed for noxious weeds twice 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. 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,

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John Terry