

# San Miguel Basin Forum

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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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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Notice Name: Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation - SL-28

  
Representative

### VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF MONTROSE )

Signed or attested before me on this

28<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2024

  
Notary Public

SHARON THOMAS DIFFERENT  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF COLORADO  
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## LEGAL PUBLICATION

FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR PHASE I, II, AND III BOND RELEASE OF A PORTION OF THE NEW HORIZON MINE SITE (SL-28)

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase I, II, and III Bond Release of a portion of the New Horizon Mine site. The application is denoted as SL-28 and pertains to the New Horizon Mine, Permit No. C-1981-008 (approved April 6, 1983) by Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC, P.O. Box 628, Nucla, Colorado 81424, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203. The New Horizon Mine is located approximately 2 miles west of Nucla, Colorado. Phase I, II, and III bond release areas are made up of five backfill monitoring wells and seven exploratory drill holes. All the backfill wells have been plugged and abandoned and the exploratory drill holes were mined through and reclaimed as part of larger reclamation areas at the New Horizon Mine. The bond release areas are shown in detail on Map 1 within the application. The status of the areas being applied for is consistent with the requirements of the plugging and abandoning the backfill wells and reclaiming the larger area for the exploratory drill holes. Listed below is a general legal description of the area.

The five backfill monitoring wells that are requested for Phase I, II, and III bond release are located within the following locations:

Township 47 North, Range 16 West of the 6th P.M. New Mexico Principal Meridian - Corner of