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**Re: Trapper Mining Inc., Permit No. C-1981-010
Phase I Bond Release Application SL-25
Adequacy Comments**

The below adequacy, comments were received from the Division on January 10, 2024. Trapper Mine responses follow each adequacy comment. Revised copies of Map 1, Sheets 1 and 2 are attached.

The Division has completed its preliminary adequacy review of Trapper Mine's SL25 bond release request received by the Division on 21 December 2023. The adequacy review comprised a review of pertinent rules, the submitted application and maps. Adequacy issues are numbered in italics below. Analysis of the rules and maps provided with the bond release application generated the following questions.

Map1 sheets 1 and 2

1. Acreage for parcel DAB23 is listed as 284.9 acres in the text portion of the submission and as 294.8 acres on Map 1. Please clarify the acreage and submit any revised pages or maps as required reflecting the correct acreage.

Trapper Response: The acreage as referenced on the map is incorrect. New Map 1; Sheet 1 and 2 are attached with the corrected acreage.

DRMS was unable to locate a depiction of parcel EAB08 (listed as 1.2 acres in the application text) on the map as referenced in the text.

2. Please depict this parcel on the applicable map and provide as a revised map.

Trapper Response: The parcel boundary line for EAB08 was omitted from the previously submitted map. The parcel boundary has been replaced on the enclosed Map1; Sheet 1. EAB08 is located adjacent to the DAB23 parcel on the southeast corner.

3. The following illustration highlights a parcel that is unidentifiable to DRMS as it lands on the seam between the two map sheets. Please clarify the parcel nomenclature on Map sheet 1 and associated acres with a revised map, possibly utilizing a call out block for visibility.

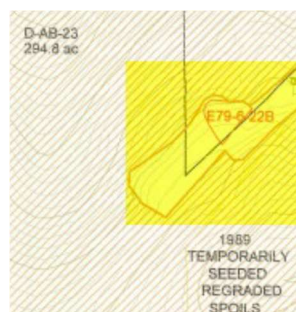


Trapper Response: This parcel labeled a remnant parcel of Phase III release to the east of this label on Sheet 2 of the Map 1. The map has been revised with better label placement.

4. Please describe the reason for the cutout of parcel DAB23.

Trapper Response: The cutout in the southern portion of the parcel is to exclude the active topsoil pile to be utilized at a later date. Topsoil piles are typically not included within the Phase I parcel boundary. Acres are also excluded from D-AB-23 for piles D-97-1 and D-97-1A despite their location within the parcel.

5. Please address the backfilling, grading and topsoiling timeline of this cutout and the plan for utilization of the E79-6 22B topsoil pile.



Trapper Response: As stated above, this is the actual outline of the topsoil pile area, it will be utilized to fill this cutout and areas to the north of it in the summer of 2024.

Rule 3.03.2(1)(b)(c) Publication

DRMS notes that the newspaper publication as presented in the application references the publication associated with the SL24 application as to the dates published, the type of phased bond release and the description of the specific location of the parcels requested for release.

6. Please submit the proof/ republish of publication that corresponds to the example public notice submitted with the application that was proposed to be published between 10 November and 1 December 2023.

DRMS received the correct notice of publication from the operator.

Please contact us with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Graham Roberts", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Graham Roberts
Environmental Supervisor
Trapper Mining Inc.

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