

Tamme Bishop, P.E. Consulting Engineer

January 23, 2025

Charlie Kwak Environmental Protection Specialist Office of Surface Mining PO Box 25065 Lakewood, CO 80225-0065

Re: Bowie Resources, LLC, Bowie No. 2 Mine Minor Revision No. 208; Responses to Midterm No. 6 Decision Date: January 7, 2025 Permit No. C-1996-083

Dear Mr. Kwak:

Enclosed is a copy of the referenced minor revision. The enclosed Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety decision form lists the pages and/or drawings which were revised and are included with this transmittal.

The revised pages and/or drawings should be inserted into your record permit.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Basil Bear Rob Zuber w/o enclosures

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COAL MINING PERMIT - MINOR REVISION DECISION

Bowie No. 2 Mine, Bowie Resources, LLC Permit No. C-1996-083

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued the decision stated below. Any person who has an interest which is or may be adversely affected may request a formal hearing in accordance with Rule 2.08.4(6)(c)(iii).

Minor Revision No. 208ISubmittal Date: December 13, 2024IDescription of Revision: Responses to Midterm No.6

Decision: Approve Decision Date: January 7, 2025

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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Authorized Representative - Division			Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)		
Date: January 23, 2025			Date:		
CHANGE IN ACREAGE		REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE		PERFORMANCE BOND	
Disturbed:	0.00	Disturbed:	404.22	Prior Liability:	\$11,448,977.00
Affected:	0.00	Affected:	7,051.01	Change in Liability:	\$0.00
Permit:	0.00	Permit:	10,987.40	Revised Liability:	\$11,448,977.00
State:	0.00	State:	0.00	Bond Held:	\$11,448,977.58
Federal:	0.00	Federal:	5,262.90		
Private:	0.00	Private:	5,724.50		
County:	0.00	County:	0.00		
Municipal:	0.00	Municipal:	0.00		
REVISED APPLICATION PAGES			<u>REVISI</u>	ED MAPS	
Volume I, pages 2.03-4, 2.03-7, 2.05-64			Map-01		
DELETED APPLICATION PAGES			DELET	<u>ED MAPS</u>	

(b) The holders of record of any leasehold interest in the area to be affected by surface operations and any purchaser of record under a real estate contract of the coal to be mined.

None

(c) Any purchaser of record under a real estate contract of the areas to be affected by surface operations and any purchaser of record under a real estate contract of the coal to be mined.

None

(7) The owners of record of all surface and subsurface areas contiguous to any part of the proposed permit area are as follows:

Surface - Refer to Map 01- Surface Ownership

- 01 Bowie Resources, LLC P.O. Box 483 Paonia, CO 81428
- 02 Bureau of Land Management Montrose District Office 2505 So. Townsend Avenue Montrose, CO 81401
- 03 U. S. Forest Service Paonia Ranger District P.O. Box 1030 Paonia, CO 81428
- 04 John R Milner 158 750th Rd Seldon, KS 67757
- 05 Intentionally left blank

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- 26 Janet Pagone 39659 Lund Road Paonia, CO 81428-6443
- 27 David Kuntz Land & Livestock 28053 Buffalo Rd Hotchkiss, CO 81419-3700
- 28 Harris Orion Investment, LLC PO Box 940 Paonia, CO 81428-0940
- 29 Kevin M Keeling Revocable Trust P.O. Box 326 Monet, MO 65708-0326
- 30 George, John H 16118 Farmers Mine Road Paonia, CO 81428-7103
- 31 Wesley Morgan PO Box 281 Paonia, CO 81428-0281

Coal - Refer to Map 02 - Coal Ownership, Coal ownership listing is restricted to coal bearing zone north of the Rollins Sandstone outcrop

- 01 Bowie Resources, LLC P.O. Box 483 Paonia, CO 81428
- 02 Bureau of Land Management Montrose District Office 2505 So. Townsend Avenue Montrose, CO 81401
- 03 Milner, Robert L. 42549 R25 RD Paonia, CO 81428
- 04 Oxbow Mining, Inc. 7901 Southpark Plaza, #202 Littleton, CO 80120

2.05.4 Reclamation Plan

- (1) The areas disturbed by the mine facilities will be returned to a rangeland and wildlife habitat land use. The loadout will be returned to a cropland and pastureland land use. This will be accomplished by restoring the area to the approximate original contour. Surface areas will be covered with topsoil and seeded with the approved seed mix.
- (2)(a) Reclamation work will be initiated when the mine reserves are depleted or when the applicant deems the mine to no longer be an economically viable operation. Final reclamation of the site will take two construction seasons. The first phase of reclamation is the removal of buildings and structures from the site. This phase will occur during year one of the reclamation schedule. The second phase of reclamation will be recontouring the area to approximate original contours, placing topsoil on the regraded area and seeding the area with the approved seed mix. This second phase will take approximately six months and will occur during year two of the reclamation schedule. At the time of this writing (12/2024), the Operator is reclaiming gob pile #2 which is interim reclamation and not part of the final reclamation timeline. In addition, the top of the gob pile #2 will remain un-reclaimed indefinitely as it may be used at a future date should the mine resume active mining operations.
- (2)(b) A detailed estimate of the cost of reclamation of the proposed mine and mine facilities is presented in Section 3.05 Performance Bond Requirements.
- (2)(c) The mine facilities area, haul road and utility corridor were designed using a proximate balanced cut and fill technique. To reclaim the areas to approximate original contour, the fill placed on the outslopes must be returned to the cut slopes. The Postminig Topography Map No. 18 is presented in Volume II along with the Postmining and Premining Cross Sections Map No. 19.

Excavation of the B-Seam portal during 2003 produced an excess material stockpile of approximately 106,000 cubic yards. In order to expand an adjacent material storage area, the Operator used 14,000 cubic yards of this material as cover for the gob piles #2 and #4 (TR-79 & TR-83). The 14,000 cubic yard deficit of fill material for the B-Seam portals at final reclamation means the reclaimed ground surface will be about 1.9 feet lower than the original ground surface over the 4.5 acre disturbed area.

Large rocks and rock piles will be randomly placed throughout the reclaimed areas to provide small wildlife habitat.

