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PUBLIC NOTICE The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has scheduled a Formal Public Hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB/Board), pursuant to Rule 5.03.3(3), to address the Order to Show Cause why permit no. C-1981-012 for the New Elk Coal Mine should not be suspended or revoked.

The Board will consider revocation of the Permit and forfeiture of the performance bond for the New Elk Coal Mine.

The New Elk Mine is an underground coal mine consisting of 4,213.60 acres. The Division has determined that a pattern of violations of the requirements of the Act, Rules, and C-1981-012 permit conditions required by the Act exist and that the violations are caused by a failure of New Elk Coal Company, LLC to comply with the Act, the Rules, or the permit conditions.

Due to the lack of a U.S. Public Land Survey of the permit area, the le-gal description of the lands included within the permit area is a metes and bounds description, which is included in Exhibit 34 of the permit. An approximation of the location of the main permit area, assuming the sec-tions are partially or fully projected in T33S, R68W, is as follows: T33S, R68W, Portions of Sections 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 27, 28, 35 and 36. A reclaimed vent shaft is located in Township 33 South, Range 67 West, in Section 19. These sections can be located on the USGS 7.5 minute Vigil and Weston quadrangle maps. The Jansen Loadout is also part of Permit C-1981-012 and is approximately 2

miles west of Trinidad, Colorado in Township 33 South, Range 64 West, in sections 22 and 27. These sections can be located on the USGS 7.5 minute Trinidad quadrangle map.

The hearing will be held at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 318, Denver, Colorado, beginning at 9:00 A.M. on March 19th or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. Published in The Chronicle-News on February 21, 2025 #######