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Deserado Mine, C-1981-018, 2023 Annual Reclamation Report Review

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Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 11:46 AM

To: Kurt Blunt <kblunt@deserado.com>

Cc: Todd Jesse - DNR <todd.jesse@state.co.us>

Good morning Kurt,

Attached is the Division's review letter for the Deserado Mine's 2023 Annual Reclamation Report. Please note the adequacy question on the second page of the review. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein**Environmental Protection Specialist****COLORADO**
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February 19, 2025

Kurt Blunt
Blue Mountain Energy, Inc.
3607 County Road 65
Rangely, CO 81648

RE: Deserado Mine, Permit No. C-1981-018
2023 Annual Reclamation Report Review

Dear Kurt,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has completed its review of the 2023 Annual Reclamation Report (ARR) for the Deserado Mine. The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the following Rules:

2.04.13(1) – The ARR was received by the Division on January 31, 2024.

2.04.13(1)(a) – The cover of the ARR includes the name of the permittee, the address and the permit number for the Deserado Mine.

2.04.13(1)(b) – The report indicates there were a cumulative total of 642.3581 acres disturbed at the mine site. There were 2.90 acres of new disturbance in the calendar year of 2023. The total acreage approved to be disturbed in 2023 at the Deserado Mine was 654.23 acres. Therefore, the Deserado Mine has 11.87 acres approved to be disturbed, but have not yet been disturbed.

2.04.13(1)(c) – The report indicated that 3.00 acres were backfilled and graded in 2023. The cumulative total reported 180.62 acres for the backfilled and graded field.

2.04.13(1)(d) – The report listed 3.00 acres were topsoiled in 2023. The cumulative total reported 180.62 acres for the topsoiled category.

2.04.13(1)(e) – The report indicated that 3.00 acres were revegetated in 2023. The total acreage reseeded at the mine site is 180.62 Acres. Of these acres, 35.99 are 9 years or younger and 144.63 are 10 years or older.

2.04.13(1)(f) – A total of 177.62 acres have been reseeded prior to 2023.



2.04.13(2) – Additional documentation provided with the 2023 ARR included a map showing the record of reclamation activities at the Deserado Mine, a summary of the reclamation at the mine site, and a copy of the seed mix tag used for the reclaimed areas.

Adequacy Item No. 1:

During the 2023 calendar year the Division approved 2.52 acres of disturbance under Minor Revisions MR-184 and MR-185. Please provide the Division where the other 0.38 acres of disturbance occurred.

The Division has no further comments. This concludes the review of the 2023 Annual Reclamation Report for the Deserado Mine. If you have any questions, please contact me at (720)-762-6156.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton Wein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Clayton Wein
Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist GJFO