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Annual Reclamation Report Review

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Tue, Mar 18, 2025 at 11:33 AM

Kurt,

Please see the attached Annual Reclamation Report Review. I just had one adequacy item. Hope you have a good day.

-Todd

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2025-03-07 ARR Review C-1981-018.pdf 202K



March 18, 2025

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

RE: Deserado Mine, Permit No. C-1981-018 2024 Annual Reclamation Report Review

Dear Kurt,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has completed its review of the 2024 Annual Reclamation Report (ARR) for the Deserado Mine. The Division finds the reports to be in compliance with the following Rules:

- **2.04.13(1)** The ARR was received by the Division on February 2, 2025.
- **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 642.9581 acres disturbed at the mine site. There were 0.60 acres of new disturbance in the calendar year of 2024. The total acreage approved to be disturbed in 2024 at the Deserado Mine was 655.67 acres. Therefore, the Deserado Mine has 12.71 acres approved to be disturbed, but have not yet been disturbed.
- **2.04.13(1)(c)** The report indicated that 4.93 acres were backfilled and graded in 2024. The cumulative total reported 185.55 acres for the backfilled and graded field.
- **2.04.13(1)(d)** The report listed 4.93 acres were topsoiled in 2024. The cumulative total reported 185.55 acres for the topsoiled category.
- **2.04.13(1)(e)** The report indicated that 4.93 acres were revegetated in 2024. The total acreage reseeded at the mine site is 185.55 Acres. Of these acres, 34.26 are 9 years or younger and 151.29 are 10 years or older.
- **2.04.13(1)(f)** The form state that a total of 185.55 acres have been reseeded prior to 2024.



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2.04.13(2) – Additional documentation provided with the 2024 ARR included a map showing the record of reclamation activities at the Deserado Mine, precipitation data for 2024, a summary of the reclamation at the mine site, and a copy of the seed mix tag used for the reclaimed areas.

2.04.13(3) – A map showing the current location and extent of the active and inactive mine workings was submitted.

Adequacy Item No. 1: The submitted report form states that a total of 185.55 acres has been reseeded prior to 2024. However, the acreage total for the provided Acres Seeded 9 Years and Less (35.99) and Acres Seeded 10 Years and Greater (144.63) is 180.62 not 185.55 please clarify.

The Division has no further comments. This concludes the Division's review of the 2024 Annual Reclamation Report. If you have any questions, please contact me at (720) 688-0626

Sincerely,

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