

March 17, 2025

Doug A. Smith Oxbow Mining, LLC 3737 Hwy 133 PO Box 535 Somerset, CO 81434 doug.smith@oxbow.com

Re: Coal Exploration No. X-2006-223-07 Request for Bond Release SL2 Proposed Decision

Dear Mr. Smith

The Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety is proposing to approve the full release of coal exploration reclamation liability of Oxbow Mining, LLC for Notice of Intent to Conduct Coal Exploration No. X-2006-223-07.

The legal description for the project is: Sec.33 T12S R90W.

The Division currently holds a corporate surety bond in the amount of \$60,969.00 to cover the required surety of \$26,000.00. The Division previously released \$34,969.00 under SL1. This SL2 proposed decision would release the remaining \$26,000.00 liability associated with reclamation of the drill pads and associated roads for Drill Sites ECM-05-24 and ECM-06-30.

Any person with an interest which may be adversely affected by this proposed decision may submit written, or a written request for an adjudicatory hearing before the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board, to the Division at the address below within 30 days of the second publication of the proposed decision in the *Delta County Independent*.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 303-903-4456 or elliott.russell@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Elliott R. Russell

Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc: Zach Trujillo, DRMS

