



## COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

April 30, 2025

State Board of Land Commissioners  
Department of Natural Resources  
1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300  
Denver, CO 80203-2206

**Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019)  
Bond Release Application No. 24 (SL-24)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Colowyo Coal Company L.P. has applied for a bond release at the Colowyo Coal Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on April 18, 2025. All review and comment periods as provided in the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act and the Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining initiate from this date of filing.

Under SL-24, Colowyo is applying for Phase I Bond Release on 145.9 acres in West Pit, north and east of Collom Pit, and northeast of the Gossard Loadout facility. The surface ownership is federal, state and private, and the coal mined was federal, state and private.

The surface coal mining operation is on land located approximately 28 miles South of Craig, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

All or portions of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 30 in Township 3 North, Range 93 West; Sections 7, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 in Township 4 North, Range 93 West; Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, and 23 in Township 3 North, Range 94 West; and Sections 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36 in Township 4 North, Range 94 West (all in 6th Prime Meridian).

The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Easton Gulch, Axial, Devils Hole Gulch, Ninemile Gap.

For additional information, to provide written comments, or to file an objection and request an informal conference, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567. In order for us to comply with



regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted within thirty (30) days of this letter. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hunter Ridley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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