

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulation of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board published August 1980, and pursuant to the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act 34-33-101, et seq., notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for Phase I through III Bond Release for 1.8 acres at the Colowyo Mine site. The application pertains to the existing Colowyo Coal Mine, Permit No. C-1981-019, Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway No. 13, Meeker, Colorado 81641, filed with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, and approved by the Division on February 27, 2023 (latest Permit Renewal). The Colowyo Mine is located approximately 28 miles south of Craig, Colorado.

The 1.8 acres of Phase I, II, and III bond release areas being applied for are a permanent structure (ditch) that will remain as constructed post mining. The area being applied for is shown on Map 1 within the application. Listed below is a general legal description of these areas:

Township 3 North, Range 93 West of the 6th P.M.

Section 2 – SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 2 – SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 11 – NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Colowyo currently holds a surety bond in the amount of \$119,000,000.00. With this application, Colowyo will be requesting relinquishment of 60% of the bond held for Phase I, and 25% of the bond held for Phase II, and 100% of the bond held for Phase III as applied for under the application.

A copy of the bond release application is on file at the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder's Office located in the Moffat County Courthouse, 221 West Victory Way, Craig, Colorado 81625. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference concerning this bond release application should be addressed to the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Comments must be filed within thirty (30) days from the last date of this publication, or within thirty (30) days of the completed inspection by the CDRMS, whichever is later