



May 22, 2025

Ms. Hunter Ridley  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: Colowyo Coal Company L.P.  
Permit No. C-1981-019  
Phase I, II, and III Bond Release Application (SL-25)**

Dear Ms. Ridley,

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc. (Tri-State), is the parent company to Axial Basin Coal Company, which is the general partner to Colowyo Coal Company L.P. (Colowyo). Therefore, Tri-State on behalf of Colowyo is submitting this SL-25 Phase I, II, and III Bond Release Application.

Under SL-25, Colowyo is applying for Phase I, II, and III bond release on approximately 1.8 acres which is a permanent post-mine ditch. Colowyo requests that the Division calculate the reduction in bond liability for the acres applied for under this cover. Colowyo has published the public notice of our intent to apply for bond release, and once the publication period is complete, the affidavit of publication will be provided to the Division accordingly.

If you should have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232.

Sincerely,

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**Colowyo Coal Company L.P.**

**Permit No. C-1981-019**

**Application for Phase I, II, & III  
Performance Bond Release**

**SL-25**

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## **I. General**

Colowyo Coal Company L.P. (Colowyo), Permit No. C-1981-019, is submitting this application for Phase I, II, and III performance bond release. Colowyo is requesting 1.8 acres be Phase I, II and III released with this application. The current bond amount for the Colowyo Mine is \$117,651,084.00. 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 base bond held for the Phase I, and 25% of the base bond held for the Phase II, and 100% of the base bond held for the Phase III area applied for under this application.

## **II. Summary Information**

### **A. General Location Description**

The 1.8 acres requested for Phase I, II, and III release are located within Moffat County, Colorado, in the following general location:

**Township 3 North, Range 93 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> 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  $\frac{1}{4}$

Please see Map 1 for the exact location applied for in this application.

### **B. Public Notice**

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 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.**

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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

### **C. Written Notifications**

Prior to filing this request for Phase I, II, and III bond release with the Division the following parties were notified with a letter in accordance with Rule 3.03.2(1). Copies of the letters that were sent have been included herein as Appendix A.

<b>Municipalities</b>
City of Craig 300 West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Craig, CO 81625

<b>Board of County Commissioners</b>
Board of County Commissioners Moffat County Courthouse 221 West Victory Way Craig, CO 81625

<b>Regional Planning Commissions</b>
Moffat County Planning Commission Moffat County Courthouse 221 West Victory Way Craig, CO 81625

<b>Sewage and Water Treatment Authorities</b>
Sewage and Water Treatment Department City Clerk 300 West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Craig, CO 81625

<b>Water Conservancy and Water Conservation Districts</b>	
Colorado River Water Conservation District Centennial Street, Suite #204 P.O. Box 1120 Glenwood Springs, CO 81602	Yellow Jacket Water Conservation District P.O. Box 447 Meeker, CO 81641

<b>Surface Owners</b>	
Colowyo Coal Company L.P. <sup>1</sup> 5731 State Highway 13 Meeker, CO 81641	Bureau of Land Management Colorado State Office 2850 Youngfield Street Lakewood, CO 80215-7076

<b>Mineral Owners</b>	
Bureau of Land Management Colorado State Office 2850 Youngfield Street Lakewood, CO 80215-7076	

<b>Adjoining Surface Owners</b>	
Colowyo Coal Company L.P. <sup>1</sup> 5731 State Highway 13 Meeker, CO 81641	Bureau of Land Management Colorado State Office 2850 Youngfield Street Lakewood, CO 80215-7076

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<sup>1</sup> Colowyo Coal Company L.P. is also the applicant; therefore, a letter has not been sent to Colowyo Coal Company L.P.

### **III. Summary of Reclamation and Management**

#### **A. General Description**

The area being applied for bond release is a conveyance channel (Streeter South Side Ditch). The structure will remain as a permanently post-mine in its current as-built configuration. The 1.8-acre area being applied for bond release is shown on Map 1.

The ten-year minimum bond liability period is not applicable for a sediment control structures that the reporting watershed has been Phase III released.

#### **B. Topsoil Replacement**

The applicability of Rule 4.06.4 does not apply to a permanent structure that is not being reclaimed.

#### **C. Revegetation Success Demonstration**

The applicability of Rule 4.15.8 does not apply to a permanent structure that is not being reclaimed.

#### **D. Post-Mining Land Use**

The surface landowners have requested to retain the Streeter South Side Ditch Pond as a permanent structure on their properties. Please refer to Exhibit 1B in Permit No. C-1981-008 for landowner letters requesting the Streeter South Side Ditch remain permanently.

The permanent Streeter South Side Ditch supports the post mine land use of wildlife and rangeland by providing a water conveyance structure and water source post-mine. The Streeter South Side Ditch is also heavily utilized by wildlife as is apparent by the game trails present on the structure.

#### **E. Surface and Groundwater Impact Analysis**

An analysis pertaining to surface and groundwater impacts does not apply to permanent structures (e.g. ditch).

**IV. Notarized Statement**

Pursuant to Rule 3.03.2(1)(e) each bond release application is required to provide a notarized statement that the reclamation activities have been accomplished in accordance with the requirements of the act and the approved reclamation plan.

I, Chris Gilbreath, Senior Manager Remediation and Reclamation, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., hereby certify that the information contained within this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Chris Gilbreath

Title: Senior Manager Remediation and Reclamation  
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

State of Colorado

County of Adams

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20 day of May, 2025 by Chris Gilbreath, as the Senior Manager Remediation and Reclamation of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., a Colorado cooperative corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

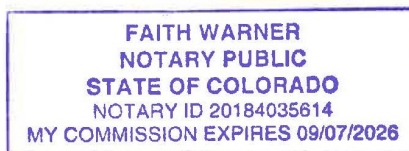
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Notary Public

Print Name: Faith Warner

Witness my hand and official seal

My commission expires:

9/7/2026





**Appendix A**

Notification Letters for Phase I through III Bond Release Application

# Colowyo Coal Company L.P.

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**TRI-STATE**

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City of Craig  
300 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Craig, CO 81625

**RE: Colowyo Coal Company L.P.  
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Centennial Street, Suite #204  
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