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## Trapper Mine SL-26 Inspection Weather Delay

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Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 11:18 AM

To: Jfleichman@osmre.gov

Hello Jeffrey.

I'm the DRMS specialist taking over the Trapper Mine permitting. Robin Reilly retired at the end of August and I've been assigned to her coal sites. Trapper submitted a bond release application in September. For your records, I attached a copy of the filing notice that was sent to Howard Strand last month.

Also, please see the attached Notice of Weather Delay for the Inspection. Due to seasonal limitations for proper evaluation of revegetation in the bond release areas, the Division will be scheduling the inspection for SL-26 in the late spring.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions on this release or anything else. I'm also handling the Williams Fork Mine, Peabody Sage Creek, Yoast and Seneca II-W going forward.

I look forward to working with you.

Kind regards,

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**Nikie Gagnon**

Environmental Protection Specialist

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### 2 attachments

**2025-09-22\_REVISION - C1981010\_SL 26 Filing Notice.pdf**  
662K**C1981010\_Trapper Mine\_ SL26\_Weather Delay Ltr\_OSM Fleischman.pdf**  
220K



October 15, 2025

Jeffrey Fleischman  
Office of Surface Mining  
Western Region  
One Federal Center, Building 41  
PO Box 25065  
Denver, CO 80225

**Re: Trapper Mine (Permit No. C-1981-010), Bond Release Application No. 26 (SL-26)  
Inspection Required – Notice of Weather Delay**

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

In accordance with Rule 3.03.2(2) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining, the Division is required to conduct a bond release inspection at the Trapper Mine site within 30 days of finding the SL 26 bond release application complete, or as soon after, as the Division determines that weather conditions allow. Due to seasonal limitations for proper evaluation of the revegetation in the bond release areas, the Division will be scheduling the inspection for SL-26 in late spring or early summer 2026.

The Division received evidence of publication, and the permitting action was deemed completed on September 22, 2025. The Division will contact all interested parties in the spring to schedule the inspection, when weather and ground conditions are more favorable to evaluate reclamation.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at 720-527-1640 or email at [nikie.gagnon@state.co.us](mailto:nikie.gagnon@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

*Nikie Gagnon*

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Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc: Jared Ebert, Senior EPS, DRMS





## COLORADO

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September 22, 2025

Howard Strand  
Office of Surface Mining  
Western Region  
One Federal Center, Building 41  
PO Box 25065  
Denver, CO 80225

**Re: Trapper Mine (Permit No. C-1981-010)**  
**Bond Release Application No. 26 (SL-26)**

Dear Mr. Strand:

Trapper Mining, Inc. has applied for a bond release at the Trapper Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on September 22, 2025. Trapper is applying for Phase III bond release on 303.2 acres of rangeland in Ashmore, East Flintlock, Flintlock and Kimber pits. Specific parcels included are A-B-12, A-B-13, A-B-14, F-A-12, K-A-13, Z-A-12, Z-A-13, Z-A-14 and Z-A-15. The surface ownership is state and private, and the coal mined was federal, state and private.

We will contact you to advise you of the Division's required bond release inspection of the site as soon as it has been scheduled. A proposed decision on the application will be issued within sixty (60) days of our inspection.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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