

# STATE OF COLORADO

## DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

Department of Natural Resources

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July 29, 2013

B. Scott Cowman  
Peabody Sage Creek Mining, LLC  
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Hayden, CO 81639-0250

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

Mike King  
Executive Director

Loretta E. Pineda  
Director

**Re: Peabody Sage Creek Mine (Permit No. C-2009-087)  
Bond Release Application No. 1 (SL-1)**

Dear Mr. Cowman:

The Division has issued a proposed decision to Approve Bond Release Application No. 1 (SL-1) for the Peabody Sage Creek Mine. Enclosed is the Division's decision form and written findings. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *Steamboat Pilot*, as soon as possible. Publication of the notice initiates a thirty-day public comment period. If there are no requests for an adjudicatory hearing within the thirty days, the decision will become final.

As provided by Rule 3.03.2(6), should you object to the Division's proposed decision, you may request an adjudicatory hearing.

If there are stipulations attached, please sign and return the proposed decision form to the Division.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Musick".

Jason D. Musick  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
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Enclosures

C-SL-07



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**COAL MINING PERMIT - BOND RELEASE DECISION**

Peabody Sage Creek Mine, Peabody Sage Creek Mining, LLC  
Permit No. C-2009-087

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has proposed the decision stated below. Provided there are no objections, the decision will become final in accordance with the requirements of Rule 3.03.2(5)(b).

Bond Release No. 1

Decision: Approve

Submittal Date: April 6, 2011

Decision Date: July 22, 2013

Description of Release: Phase II Bond Release on 445.8 Acres of Land at the Peabody Sage Creek Mine.

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY PERMITTEE

Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative

Date: July 29, 2013

Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE	REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE	PERFORMANCE BOND
Disturbed: 0.00	Disturbed: 1,912.80	Prior Liability: \$4,916,169.02
Affected: 0.00	Affected: 2,638.30	Change in Liability: (\$995,884.56)
Permit: 0.00	Permit: 10,164.00	Revised Liability: \$3,920,284.46
State: 0.00	State: 5,208.00	Bond Held: \$6,160,431.65
Federal: 0.00	Federal: 80.00	
Private: 0.00	Private: 4,876.00	

**SL-1 RELEASED ACREAGE REMAINING IN PERMIT BOUNDARY**

	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
Disturbed	0.00	445.80	0.00

Affected	0.00	445.80	0.00
Permitted	0.00	0.00	0.00

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

None

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

None

REVISED MAPS

None

DELETED MAPS

None