




**COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY  
COAL PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT**



**PERMIT INFORMATION**

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| <b>Permit Number:</b> X-2006-214-01<br><b>Mine Name:</b> BTU Empire 2006 Project<br><b>Operator:</b> Moffat County Mining, LLC<br><b>Operator Address:</b><br>Mr Scott Cowman<br>36600 Routt County Road 27<br>Hayden, CO 81639 | <b>County:</b> Moffat<br><b>Operation Type:</b> Coal exploration<br><b>Permit Status:</b> Active<br><b>Ownership:</b> Private<br><br><b>Operator Representative Present:</b><br><br>Scott Cowman |
| <b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b><br><br><br>   |  |

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

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| <b>Inspection Start Date:</b> August 27, 2013<br><b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 08:00<br><b>Inspection End Date:</b> August 27, 2013<br><b>Inspection End Time:</b> 14:00 |  | <b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Exploration Inspection<br><b>Inspection Reason:</b> Surety Release Requested<br><b>Weather:</b> Clear |  |
| <b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b><br><br>None  |  | <b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b><br><br>  |  |
| <b>Post Inspection Agency:</b><br><br>None   |  | <b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b><br><br>   |  |
| <b>Inspector(s):</b><br><br>Jason D. Musick  | <b>Inspector's Signature:</b><br><br> |  | <b>Signature Date:</b><br><br>09/03/2013 |

**Inspection Topic Summary**

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

N - Air Resource Protection

N - Backfill &amp; Grading

N - Fish &amp; Wildlife

N - Hydrologic Balance

N - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

N - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

Y - Revegetation

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Signs and Markers

N - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This was a coal exploration bond release inspection conducted by Jason Musick of the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division). This was the second inspection conducted associated with SL1 for X200621401. A request for partial bond release was originally received by the Division on March 28, 2012. The operator requested the ability to extend the NOI to possibly complete drilling on locations that have not been drilled to date. This inspection is based on a second bond release request (SL2) for sites that were not adequately reclaimed and for the remaining bond for the un drilled sites.

REVEGETATION – Rules 2.02(g) and 4.21.4(6):

Site WF-006 was found to have inadequate vegetation growth during the initial inspection. The site was interseeded and found to have adequate vegetation throughout. Noticeable cheatgrass was observed. However, this is representative of the area and the cheatgrass throughout the site made up less cover than the surrounding undisturbed area.



WF-006

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 0

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0

Site WF-003 was found to be unreclaimed during the initial inspection. The site is reclaimed as of this inspection. However, the site shows little to no vegetation growth with a heavy houndstounge presence throughout.



WF-003

Based on this inspection the Division can release the reclamation liability for all sites approved but not disturbed and for Site 006. Liability will remain for vegetation costs associated with Site WF-003.

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 0

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0

**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

No enforcement actions are pending and none were taken as a result of this inspection.

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 0

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0