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County of Carbon,)

I, Kevin Ashby, on oath, say that I am the Publisher of the Sun Advocate, a twice-weekly newspaper of general circulation, published at Price, State and County aforesaid, and that a certain notice, a true copy of which is hereto attached, was published in the full issue of such newspaper for 4 (Four) consecutive issues, and that the first publication was on the 13th day of July, 1999 and that the last publication of such notice was in the issue of such newspaper dated the 3rd day of August, 1999.



Kevin Ashby - Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of August 1999.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PERMIT RENEWAL  
GORDON CREEK NO. 2/7/8 MINES  
MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY, L.L.C.  
SOMERSET, COLORADO 81434**

Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C., P.O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado 81434, a wholly owned subsidiary of Arch Western Resources, L.L.C., has filed with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining an application for renewal of its Mining and Reclamation Plan Permit for its Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines. Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines are located in Bryner Canyon approximately 20 road miles Northwest of Price, Utah. The permit area is described as follows:

Township 13 South, Range 7 East, SLBM, Utah

Sec. 12: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Sec. 13: NE1/4NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4NE1/4, N1/2S1/2NW1/4

NE1/4, S1/2S1/2NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2W1/2, SE1/4

Sec. 24: N1/2 NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Township 13 South, Range 8 East, SLBM, Utah

Sec. 7: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Sec. 17: SW1/4SW1/4

Sec. 18: Lots 1-4, NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4

NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NW1/4

NE1/4

Sec. 19: NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4; Lots 1 and 2, SE1/4SW1/4

The permit area is located on the Jump Creek, Utah, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle map.

Federal Coal Leases were #U-53159 and #U-8319.

The Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine has been in operation since 1969, and has operated under permit ACT/007/016 since 1984.

The Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines were closed in November, 1990. Final reclamation of the minesite was completed in 1997.

The application was filed, and this notice is being published to comply with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and State and Federal regulations promulgated pursuant to said act.

The permit is available for inspection at the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining office in Price, College of Eastern Utah, 451 E. 400 N., Price, Utah, and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining office, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The application for renewal is available for inspection at the Carbon County Courthouse, 120 East Main Street, Price, Utah and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining office, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Written comments, objections or requests for informal conferences on the application may be submitted to: State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, P.O. Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

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