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Here are Affidavits of Publication
for the Sweet's Pond (Final)
and 2/17/18 (Phase I) Bond Releases.
Call if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Dan

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I, Ken Larson, on oath, say that I am the Publisher of the Sun Advocate, a twice-weekly newspaper of general circulation, published at Price, State 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 19th day of November, 2002, and that the last publication of such notice was in the issue of such newspaper dated the 10th day of December, 2002.

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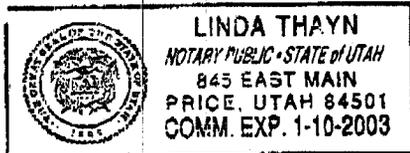
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
APPLICATION FOR FINAL BOND RELEASE**

**SWEET'S POND AREA
GORDON CREEK NO. 2/7/8 MINES
PERMIT #ACT/007/016**

**MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY, L.L.C.
P.O. BOX 591
SOMERSET, COLORADO 81434**

Mountain Coal Company, P.O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado, 81434, a wholly owned subsidiary of Arch Western Resources, L.L.C., has filed with the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining an application for final release of the Sweet's Pond Area from the reclamation performance bond for its Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines.

The present bond posted for the entire site is \$841,443.00. Mountain Coal Company is not applying for any reduction of the bond for the Sweet's Pond Area. The pond is on private property, and the landowner has requested it to be left in place for private use.

The Sweet's Pond Area is at the mouth of Sweet's Canyon in Gordon creek, approximately 20 road miles northwest of Price, Utah. The pond area is described as follows:

Township 13 South, Range 8 East, SLBM, Utah

Approximately 0.73 acres located in:

Sec. 17, SE1/4SW1/4SW1/4

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

The Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines, including The Sweet's Pond Area, have been operated and reclaimed under permit ACT/007/016.

This notice is being published to comply with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1997 and State and Federal regulations promulgated pursuant to said act.

A request for public hearings or informal conferences concerning this proposal may be made to: State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

Comments or requests must be made within 30 days of the last date of publication.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR PHASE I BOND RELEASE
GORDON CREEK NO. 2/7/8 MINES
PERMIT #ACT/007/016
MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY, L.L.C.
P.O. BOX 591
SOMERSET, COLORADO 81434

Mountain Coal Company, P. O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado, 81434, a wholly owned subsidiary of Arch Western Resources, L.L.C., has filed with the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining an application for partial release of the reclamation performance bond for its Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines.

The company has completed Phase I of the approved reclamation plan for the Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines. This is based upon the completion of backfilling, grading, topsoil replacement and drainage control in accordance with the approved plan. There were approximately 34.88 acres of disturbed area associated with this operation. Of this, approximately 1.63 acres were associated with the new sediment ponds (to be reclaimed at a later time) and 0.73 acres were associated with the Sweet's Canyon Pond, which will not be reclaimed. Phase I Bond Release is requested on all reclaimed area, exclusive of the above pond areas, or 32.52 acres.

The present bond posted for this site is \$641,443.00. This is a surety bond. Mountain Coal Company is hereby applying for release of 60% of the original bond, or \$384,865.00.

The 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 8 East, SLBM, Utah

Sec. 17: SE1/4SW1/4SW1/4

Sec. 18: N 1/2SE 1/4 N 1/2SW 1/4 SE 1/4, S1/2NE 1/4 SW 1/4,

SE 1/4SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4

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. 2/7/8 Mines have been operated and reclaimed under permit ACT/007/016. The existing permit was renewed and approved on August 28, 1999.

The Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines were closed in November, 1990. Site demolition was completed in 1991. Backfilling and grading started in 1995 and finished in August 1997. Additional regrading was completed in July, 1999.

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