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Ken G. Larson

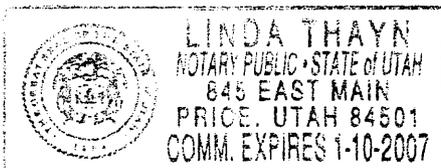
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Linda Thayne

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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 8 East, SLBM, Utah
Sec. 18: N1/2SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, 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 Mine had been in operation since 1969, and 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. Additional regrading was completed in July, 1999. Phase I Bond Release was approved in January, 2003.

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.

A copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan and the application for renewal is available for inspection at the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining office, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah, and at the Recorders Office located in the Carbon County Courthouse in Price, Utah.

Written comments, objects of 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 Temple, Suite 1210, P.O. Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801. Comments must be submitted within thirty (30) days from the last publication of this notice.

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