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PUBLIC NOTICE
Gordon Creek No. 3 & 6 Mines
Permit #INA/007/017
Mountain Coal Company
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Application for Final Release of Performance Bond

Mountain Coal Company has completed reclamation Phase III at its Gordon Creek No. 3 & 6 Mines. This is based on establishment of revegetation and sediment control in accordance with the approved reclamation plan, with a minimum period of 10 years following reclamation.

In accordance with the Utah Coal Mining Rules, notice is hereby given to the general public that Mountain Coal Company is applying for final release of the performance bond posted for this operation.

The original bond posted for this property was \$346,000.00, of which \$207,600.00 (60%) was released on June 26, 1987 upon approval of Phase I Bond Release. An additional \$85,429.00 was released on January 9, 1995 upon approval of Phase II Bond Release. The present bond posted for this site is \$52,971.00. Mountain Coal Company is seeking release of the balance of the original bond, or \$52,971.00.

The Gordon Creek No. 3 & 6 Mines are located in Coal Canyon, approximately 20 road miles northwest of Price, Utah. The following are the legal descriptions of the permit area:

Township 13 South, Range 8 East, SLBM, Utah

Sec. 8: SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 9: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 17: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 16: W $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$

15 acres in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

75' Roadway R/W in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec.

16 and in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, T. 13S., R. 8E.,

SLBM, Utah

The permit area is located on the Jump Creek, Utah, U.S. Geological Survey 15 minute quadrangle map.

There are no Federal Coal leases associated with this property.

The reclamation work was performed on approximately 28 acres of disturbed and affected area located on the following described lands:

Township 13 South, Range 8 East, SLBM, Utah

Sec 16: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec 16: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec 16: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec 16 W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 21 75' Roadway R/W in W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

The Division will now evaluate the proposal to determine whether it meets all the criteria of the Permanent Program Performance Standards according to the requirements of the Utah Coal Mining Rules.

Utah completion of the evaluation for said reclamation, a decision will be made as to approval or disapproval of the application. The reclamation plan is available for public review at: Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, and at the Carbon County Courthouse, Price, Utah 84501.

Written comments, objections, and requests for public hearing or informal conference on this proposal may be addressed to the Director of the Division: Mr. Jim Carter, Director, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, Attention: Mary Ann Wright.

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Recommendation for Approval

This permit should be approved with conditions for a five year permit term.