Public Notice

Pursuant to the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act, notice is hereby given that Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC, located in Colstrip, Montana, mailing address: P.O. Box 99, Colstrip, MT 59323. Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC has filed an application to renew coal surface mine permit C1984003B with the Coal and Opencut Mining Program of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

This permit renewal will authorize Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC to continue to affect an area of approximately 15,186 acres, known as Area B, located west of Colstrip in all or portions of the following areas:

T1N, R40E Sections 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25,

26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36

T1N, R41E Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, and 18

US Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle maps, Rough Draw, Colstrip SW, and Colstrip SE contain the area affected by this renewal.

Mining, reclamation operations (i.e., regrading, resoiling, and reseeding), haulage and maintenance of sediment control structures will continue to be conducted within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way of the East Fork Armells Creek county road. Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC also holds surface mining permits C1986003A,

C1985003C, C1986003D, and C2011003F.

The application is available for inspection at the Department of Environmental Quality office located at 1218 East 6th Ave., Helena, Montana. Electronic copies of the application may be requested by visiting the website http://deq.mt.gov/Public/ea/coal or by emailing DEQCoal@mt.gov.

Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences maybe submitted by any person with an interest that is or may be adversely affected within 15 days of the last published announcement to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Coal and Opencut Mining Program, PO Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901 or by going to http://svc.mt.gov/deg/publiccomment/.

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