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Notice is hereby given that Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC, a Montana corporation with offices west of Colstrip, Montana, has filed a request for partial bond release for Phase I reclamation work in Area B (C1984003B) of the Rosebud Mine, Colstrip, Montana under the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act and Permanent Regulatory Program. The Area B Surface Mine Permit was originally approved on October 26, 1984.

The proposed release area, containing 144 acres, more or less, is located within portions of the following legal descriptions:

T1N R40E Sec 13 and 14

T1N R40E Sec 18

The total bond amount for C1984003B – Rosebud Mine is \$86,650,000 and a release of \$4,320,000 is being sought.

Westmoreland Rosebud Mine has completed Phase 1 grading of the area in the second half of 2024 and 2025.

An electronic copy of the application is available for inspection on the Montana Department of Environmental Quality Coal Section's website, the **LOCAL LIBRARY/PUBLIC OFFICE**, or can be requested by emailing DEQCoal@mt.gov.

Written comments, objections and/or requests for informal conference on this application may be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, Coal Section, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 or by emailing DEQCoal@mt.gov within 30 days of the final publication of this notice.