Bond Release Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Westmoreland Savage Mining, LLC, with its offices located at: PO Box 30, Savage, Montana 59262 has filed an application with the Coal Section, Mining Bureau of the Department of Environmental Quality for bond release SL7 of Savage Mine, Permit C1984002, which was originally permitted December 10, 1984, and last renewed on December 10, 2022.

The proposed bond release area containing 209 acres is located in Richland County Montana, approximately 5 miles west of Savage, Montana. The general legal description of the SL7 Bond Release Area is as follows:

T20N, R57E : Section 21, 22, 23, 27 and 28.

The total bond amount for Savage Mine is $6,890,000 and a monetary reduction of $250,000 is being sought.

Completed reclamation work includes backfilling, grading of spoil material, soiling and seeding according to approved post-mine topography and post mine land use. Grading and soiling work was completed between 2012 and 2022 within the SL7 bond release area. Monitoring of reclaimed areas was conducted annually.

An electronic copy of the application is available for inspection on the Montana Department of Environmental Quality Coal Section's website 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.

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