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Cc: Gabriel L. Johnson; Keith P Walters
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SL19 Submitted
Attachments: Submittal confirmation.pdf

Emily, as we spoke on the phone earlier, I submitted the SL19 package via the FTP site. Let me know if you would like the field polygons in .shp files for your bond release program, they are easy enough to create.



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Please find the attached SL19 Bond Release Application

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Via MDEQ FTP DEQCoal@mt.gov

April 10th, 2025

Mrs. Emily Lodman
Mining Bureau
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
PO Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Permit ID: C1979012
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: SL19
Subject: Spring Creek Mine, Bond Release Application **#SL19 Phase I,II**

Dear Mrs. Lodman:

Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC (NTEC) is submitting bond release application SL19 for 55.8 acres of Phase I and 25.7 acres of Phase II at the Spring Creek Mine. Details of topsoil laydown approval for the release areas is included in the attached narrative.

Enclosed materials include:

- A bond release application form;
- A copy of the DRAFT public notice;
- A copy of the DRAFT adjacent surface landowner notification letters (along with the Big Horn County Commissioners);
- Narrative on the bond releases being sought; and
- A map (Exhibit 1) depicting the reclamation units for which bond release is being sought.

All applicable reclamation requirements have been completed in accordance with the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act, the rules and regulations adopted thereunder and, the approved mining and reclamation plan and permit for NTEC's Spring Creek Mine.

The current bond for the Spring Creek Mine is **\$186,316,800.00** as set in the MR294 mine permit revision. NTEC is requesting no reduction in bond at this time. However, successful bond release efforts are effective in documenting reclamation progress.

NTEC believes the enclosed bond release application materials have been completed in accordance with all applicable requirements and we look forward to working with the Department on this request. Please feel free to call (406) 757-4242 if you have any questions.

With kind regards,



Allen Wellborn
Env. Engineer Sr.

Attachments

cc: OSM –Attn: Jeff Fleischman (Casper Field Office and Denver Office)
CF 10.6.7 (SCM-25)

APPLICATION
FORM



Coal Section

Surface Mine Permit Bond Release Form

This application form is for bond release pertaining to Phases I, II, III, IV and/or Undisturbed acres.

The applicant agrees to:

1. If federal minerals or surface are involved, send 1 complete copy to Office of Surface Mining (OSM), Casper Field Office Director and 1 complete copy to OSM, Denver Program Support Division Manager.
2. If there are no federal acres involved, send 1 complete copy of this application and attachments to OSM, Casper Field Office Director.
3. File application during the appropriate time or season pursuant to Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.24.1111(2).
4. Submit Affidavit of Publication following the publication of Public Notice.

Attach any support documents that are referenced in this application and check the appropriate boxes below to indicate those attached.

1. ☒ Copies of letters sent to landowners
2. ☒ Appropriate narrative and/or tables addressing 82-4-232(6)(a) and (b) MCA, ARM 17.24.1111 and 17.24.1116
3. ☒ Proposed Public Notice pursuant to 82-4-232(6)(a) MCA
4. ☒ Maps *(as necessary to evaluate the reclamation)*
5. ☐ Other *(Please describe):* _____

SECTION A – APPLICANT INFORMATION
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A1.

1. Permit ID Number: C1979012
Site Name: Spring Creek Mine
Date Permit Approved: April 11, 1979
2. Name of Applicant: Navajo Transitional Energy Company LLC
Address: 2518 Windmill Road
City: Decker State: Mt Zip Code: 59025

SECTION B – BOND RELEASE**B1.**

1.

Name of Bonding Agent	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Bond No(s)
Argonaut Insurance Company	PO BOX 469011	San Antonio	Tx	78246	SUR0008871
Zurich American Insurance Company	1299 Zurich Way	Schaumburg	IL	60196-1056	9344828
Zurich American Insurance Company	1299 Zurich Way	Schaumburg	IL	60196-1056	9344986

2. Current bond amount in effect: **\$186,316,800.00**3. Total amount of bond requested for release: **\$0.00**4. Bond Remaining if total release is granted: **\$0.00**5. Type of Disturbance: Mine Level ☒ Associated ☐ Facilities ☐

6. Bond Release Phases

Phase	Acres <i>*no decimals</i>	Dollar Amount Requested
Phase I: (Defined in ARM 17.24.1116(6)(a))	55.8	\$0.00
Phase II: (Defined in ARM 17.24.1116(6)(b))	25.7	\$0.00
Phase III: (Defined in ARM 17.24.1116(6)(c))	0	\$0.00
Phase IV: (Defined in ARM 17.24.1116(6)(d))	0	\$0.00
Undisturbed Acres	0	\$0.00

7. Breakdown of Final Bond Release Acres*(Only applies to Phase IV, Undisturbed, or Pre-1989 Phase III)*

	Permit Acreage Mineral	Permit Acreage Surface
Federal:	0	0
Tribal:	0	0
State:	0	0
Private:	0	0
County:	0	0
Total:	0	0

8. Legal Description of Bond Release Area: _____

T8S, R39E, Montana Prime Meridian Section 13, 14, 24
T8S, R40E, Montana Prime Meridian Sections 29, 30, 31, 32
All M.P.M., Bighorn County, Montana, containing 81.5 acres.

9. Check all that apply:

Mineral Ownership

Federal ☒ State ☐ Tribal ☐ Private ☐ County ☐ Other ☐

Surface Ownership

Federal ☒ State ☐ Tribal ☐ Private ☒ County ☐ Other ☐

SECTION C - CERTIFICATION *MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH DESIGNATION OF PERMIT COORDINATOR

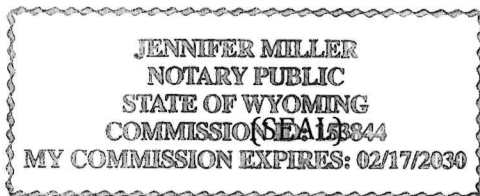
Pursuant to ARM 17.24.1111(4), I, the undersigned, hereby certify that all applicable reclamation requirements have been achieved in accordance with the Act, and the approved reclamation plan.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Title: Technical Services Manager

Date: April 09, 2025

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Wyoming
this 9th day of April, 2025.



Jennifer Miller

Notary Public for the State of: Wyoming
Residing at: Sheridan County, Wyoming
My Commission expires: February 17, 2030

NARRATIVE

INTRODUCTION (Phase I and II)

This document is a request by the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC (NTEC) for Phase I and II bond release at the Spring Creek Mine called SL19. Because no monetary amount in bond release is requested, the bond amount will remain at the current value of **\$186,316,800**

This specific narrative describes the types of reclamation work completed to meet the requirements of Phase I and Phase II bond release. Exhibit I depicts the requested areas. The reclamation work described was completed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan described in Surface Mine Permit (SMP) C1979012.

According to Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.24.1116(6)(a), Phase I reclamation shall be deemed complete when backfilling, regrading, and drainage control have been completed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and when all drill holes that are not approved to be retained as monitoring wells or that were not completely mined through have been plugged.

ARM 17.24.1116(6)(b) specifies that Phase II reclamation is complete when:

- (i) soil replacement and spoil and soil tillage have been completed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan;
- (ii) at least two growing seasons (spring and summer for two consecutive years) have elapsed since seeding or planting of the affected area;
- (iii) vegetation is establishing that is consistent with the species composition, cover, production, density, diversity, and effectiveness requirements and the approved postmining land use;
- (iv) soils are protected from accelerated erosion by the established vegetation; and
- (v) noxious weeds are controlled.

It is NTEC's belief that it has met these requirements.

REQUEST FOR PARTIAL BOND RELEASE

This request for partial bond release of reclamation was prepared in accordance with the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act and the Permanent Regulatory Program pursuant to the Act. This submittal specifically addresses the portions of ARM 17.24.1111 through 17.24.1116 that apply to bond release applications.

ARM 17.24.1111 BONDING: BOND RELEASE APPLICATION CONTENTS

- (1) NTEC is filing this application with the Department for Phase I and II reclamation work as defined in ARM 17.24.1116. Completed Phase I work includes drill hole plugging, backfilling, regrading and drainage control. Completed Phase II work includes soil replacement and tillage, passing of at least two growing seasons since seeding, establishing of vegetation consistent with applicable requirements, protection from erosion and control and noxious weeds.
- (2) The time of filing will allow the Department to properly evaluate the completed reclamation operations.
- (3) This application includes a copy of letters to be sent to adjoining property owners, surface owners, local government bodies, planning agencies and sewage and water treatment facilities.
- (4) A notarized statement certifying that all applicable reclamation requirements have been achieved in accordance with the Act, the rules, and the approved reclamation plan is included with this document.
- (5) A copy of the public notification. Proof of the publication of the advertisement will be submitted within 30 days of the final printing of the public notification.
- (6) Prospecting bond release is not applicable to this application.

17.24.1112 BONDING: ADVERTISEMENT OF RELEASE APPLICATIONS AND RECEIPT OF OBJECTION

- (1) (a) – (h) The public notification will be published in a newspaper of local circulation for advertisement in four consecutive weekly publications following the completeness review. It contains all of the required items listed in sub-paragraphs (b) – (h).
- (2) The deadline for written objections, requests for informal conferences or requests for public hearings by affected persons related to this proposed bond release application is 30 days following the last advertisement.

17.24.1116 BONDING: CRITERIA AND SCHEDULE FOR RELEASE OF BOND

(1) It is NTEC's belief that it has met the requirements of Phase I and II reclamation as defined by ARM 17.24.1116 and, therefore requests partial bond release on **55.8** and **25.7** acres, respectively. All backfill, regrade, drainage control work and drill hole plugging work (Phase I reclamation) was completed prior to August 2024 and was completed in accordance with the approved plan. For Phase II reclamation areas, all topsoiling and initial seeding was completed prior to the summer of. 2023.

The areas where bond release is being sought are depicted on attached Exhibit 1. Bond release lands are described on the application form.

(2) NTEC recognizes that it would remain responsible for any corrective actions necessary to comply with the Act, sub-chapters 3 – 13 of this chapter, and the permit until final bond release.

(3) NTEC is requesting release from the bond on the application parcels for completion of Phase I and II work.

(4) NTEC is not requesting release from the permit at this time.

(5) The remaining bond, **\$186,316,800** would be sufficient to complete the approved reclamation plan. The remaining bond will not be less than \$200 per permitted acre.

(6) Approved alternate post-mine land use plans will be implemented prior to application for final bond release.

(7) The following paragraphs describe the completed reclamation activities including supporting information from annual reports and monitoring data and from department inspection reports to support this application for bond release.

Phase I Reclamation Activities

All exploratory drill holes not retained as water wells have been properly plugged and abandoned in accordance with SMP C1979012 and applicable rules and regulations. On March 16, 2005, the Department granted full bond release on Prospect Permit 20310R. Liability for remaining holes not covered under Prospect Permit 20310R and holes drilled since 2005 are covered under SMP C1979012. Records documenting the proper plugging and abandonment of holes under SMP C1979012 are contained in Annual Mining Reports that are submitted yearly to the Department.

After coal extraction is complete, reclamation begins with backfill and grading. Backfill and rough grading is performed with draglines, trucks, shovels and bulldozers until the approved post-mine topography is achieved.

Following rough grading, final grading activities are conducted and involve the construction of surface drainages and wildlife habitat features to approximate the level of similar pre-mine features. Approval of the final graded surface is then sought through the Department. The following table summarizes the dates of Department approval for each reclaimed area.

Reclamation Area	Acres	Date of Department Concurrence for Topsoil Laydown
10D	7.2	11/16/2023
10E	9.7	2/23/2024
10F	12.7	6/7/2024
10G	26.2	9/11/2024
	<i>55.8 acres</i>	

Phase II Reclamation Activities

Once Department approval of final grading is obtained, in-situ spoils are ripped in preparation for topsoil placement. Topsoil is then placed and seeded according to the desired post-mine land use. Spoils ripping, topsoil placement and seeding activities are conducted on the contour to reduce potential for surface erosion. Sediment control structures such as berms, traps, and silt fence are installed along the edges of reclaimed areas to prevent sediment migration off the reclamation.

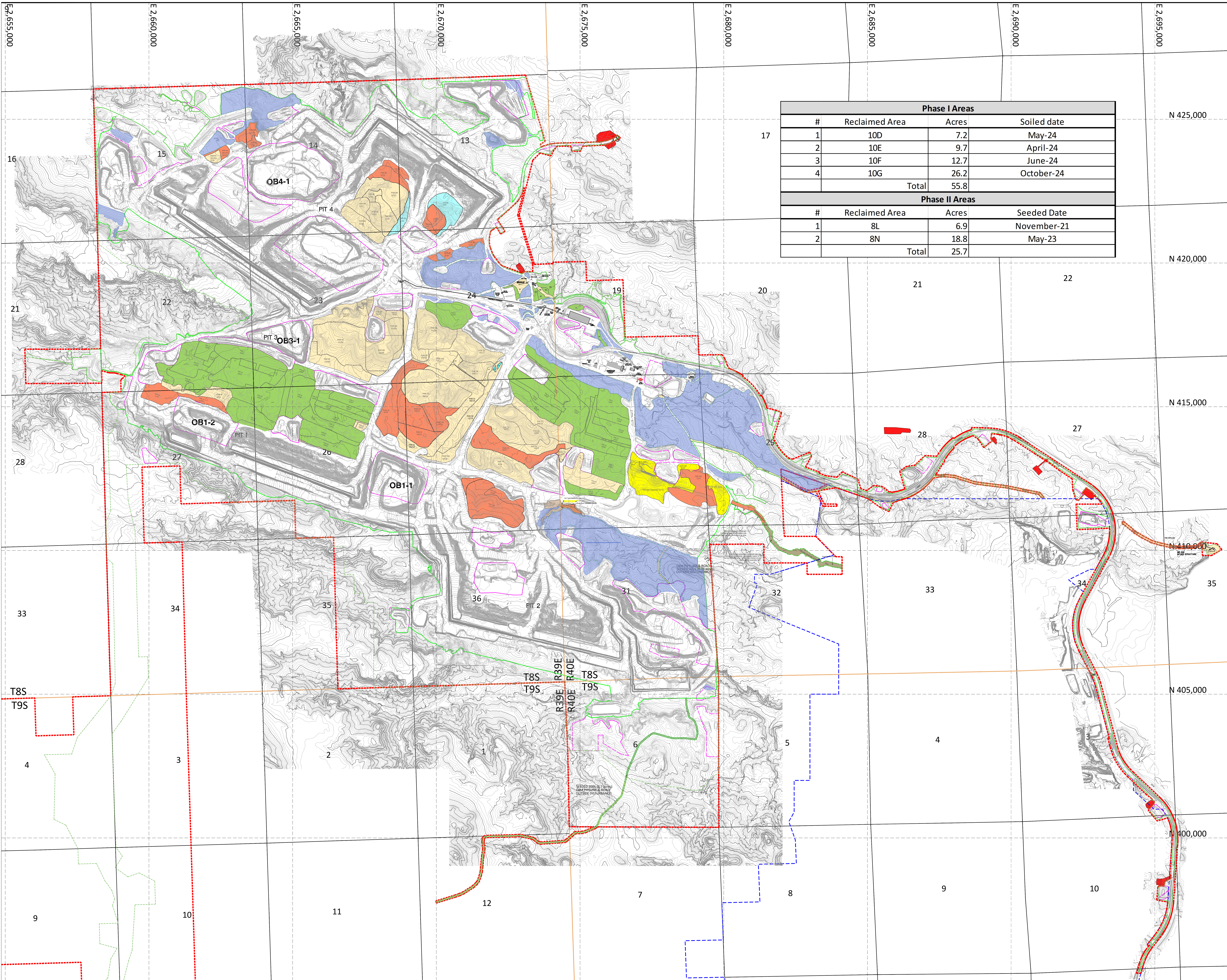
This application seeks Phase II bond release on the following areas:

Reclamation Area	Acres	Date of Initial Seeding	Date of Most Recent Reseeding*
8L	6.9	11/2021	N/A
8N	18.8	5/2023	N/A
	<i>25.7 acres</i>		

*Reseeded areas are disked, packed, and seeded restarting the bond release clock. Reseeding is not a normal husbandry practice. Data is from draft Table 2 of the **2024** SCM Annual Mining Report. Several areas have been interseeded to improve revegetation diversity. Interseeding does not impact the eligibility for Phase II bond release.

Phase II bond release requires a minimum of two growth seasons and the dates of seeding (including seed tags) for each area are contained in the applicable Annual Mining Report. The most recent topsoil depth verification sample point mapping and data are contained in the Annual Mining Report Map 3.

EXHIBIT 1 (MAP)



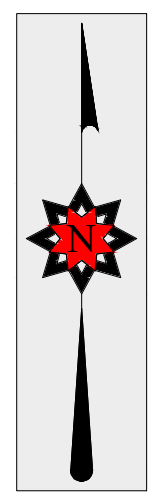
Phase I Areas			
#	Reclaimed Area	Acres	Soiled date
1	10D	7.2	May-24
2	10E	9.7	April-24
3	10F	12.7	June-24
4	10G	26.2	October-24
Total		55.8	
Phase II Areas			
#	Reclaimed Area	Acres	Seeded Date
1	8L	6.9	November-21
2	8N	18.8	May-23
Total		25.7	

LEGEND

- Decker Coal Mine Permit Boundary
- Spring Creek Mine Permit Boundary (MR 281)
- LOM Disturbance Boundary (MR 296)
- Current Disturbance Boundary (December 2024)
- Current Non Disturbed Islands
- 5' Contours (December 2024)
- Stockpile Facilities

BOND RELEASE AREAS

- Proposed Areas for Phase I (SL19)
- Proposed Areas for Phase II (SL19)
- Phase I Bond Released (Through SL18)
- Phase II Bond Released (Through SL17)
- Phase III Bond Released (Through SL13)
- Pre 1989 Final Bond Released (Through SL13)
- Reclamation Field Seeded



SPRING CREEK MINE
P.O. BOX 67, DECKER, MT 59025
PHONE: (406) 757-2581

Exhibit 1
SL19 BOND RELEASE AREAS
(SMP C1979012)

DRAFT
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

Pursuant to the Montana Strip and Underground Reclamation Act notice is hereby given that Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC., with its offices located at: 285 Interlocken Crescent, Suite 400 Broomfield, Co 80021 has filed an application with the Coal Section, Mining Bureau of the Department of Environmental Quality for bond release SL19 of Permit Number C1979012.

The Spring Creek Mine is located near Decker, Montana. The general legal description of the bond release area is as follows:

T8S, R39E, Montana Prime Meridian	Section 13, 14, 24
T8S, R40E, Montana Prime Meridian	Sections 29, 30, 31, 32

All M.P.M., Bighorn County, Montana, containing 81.5 acres.

The total bond amount for Permit C1979012 is **\$186,316,800.00**

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The application is available for inspection at the Department of Environmental Quality office in Helena (1520 E 6th Avenue). Electronic copies of the application may be requested by visiting the website <https://deq.mt.gov/mining/Programs/coal> or by emailing DEQCoal@mt.gov.

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LETTERS TO
LANDOWNERS



April 10th, 2025

Albert and Debra Pierce
960 6th Ave. E
Sheridan Wy 82801

Dear Madam:

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Allen Wellborn
Env. Engineer Sr.

cc: Emily Lodman, MDEQ, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901



April 10th, 2025

Big Horn County Commissioners
121 W. 3rd
Hardin, MT 59034

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United States of America
c/o Bureau of Land Management
5001 Southgate Drive
Billings, MT 59101

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PO Box 12
Decker, MT 59025

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April 10th, 2025

Tom and Jody Edwards
HC 42 Box 640
Busby, Mt 59016

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April 10th, 2025

Nikki Fink
1815 N. Mariposa Ln.
Billings, Mt. 59102

Dear Mrs. Fink,

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cc: Emily Lodman, MDEQ, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901



April 10th, 2025

Hamiltons
HC 59 Box 13
Decker, Mt 59025

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September 3, 2024

Jimmie D. Pierce,
HC 59, Box 10 A,
Decker, MT 59025-9701

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8420 US Highway 14
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