



November 13, 2020

Sent via electronic mail

Ms. Dicki Peterson
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Permit ID: C1986003D
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: Determination
Subject: Completeness Determination; SL15, Phase II, III, and IV

Dear Dicki:

Following Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) review, we have determined that Bond Release Application SL15, for phase II, III, and IV on 3, 598, and 389 acres respectively including 11 acres undisturbed, is administratively complete. DEQ will therefore attempt to conduct a formal bond release inspection by December 13, 2020 weather allowing, pursuant to ARM 17.24.1113. As we are in the midst of winter and a Covid-19 pandemic, this will likely need to be scheduled beyond 30 days.

You may initiate the publication of the public notice. Please ensure that DEQCoal@mt.gov is copied in the email when the notice is sent to the newspaper.

Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew R J 2".

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