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RE: PL20240049, Special Use Permit, Peabody Foidel Creek (Twentymile) Mine Renewal

Dear Mr. Goldich:

Twentymile Coal, LLC (TC) is in receipt of your review letter for the our mining SUP renewal application submitted June 18th, 2024. Please see the below notes and correspondence regarding the items in question.

Planning Review (Reviewed By: Alan Goldich)

- A. How often are the silencers on the vent fan cleaned? When was the last time they were cleaned?
- The vent fan gets shut down and cleaned on a quarterly basis. During inspections conducted during the cleanings it was determined that the baffles had hit the end of their life and were deteriorating. These baffles have been removed and straw baffles have been set up to mediate the sound produced by the fan. Doors have also been placed on the opening to help direct the sound waves downward to dissipate faster. We are currently working with Spendrup Fan Company to design new baffles for inside the fan that will still allow us to access the fan for routine cleaning.
- B. Please submit annual DRMS reports for the past 5 years.
- 2019 through 2023 DRMS reclamation reports have been submitted through portal for review.
- C. Who is your permit contact at the Air Quality Control Division?
- We do not have a designated contact with AQCD. All of our correspondence is done through the generic emails for reporting, permitting, etc found on their website.
- D. Have you mined the Wolf Creek seam under CR 27 or 33? If so, please provide maps of where this seam has been mined under the county road.
- The Wolf Creek seam has not been mined under and there are no plans to mine under the county roads in the near future.
- E. Please provide information on MR326. What is the timing of when this work will be done?
- MR326 was a minor revision submitted for four exploration coreholes. In the past these smaller revisions have not been presented to the County as they are minimal, and the very little disturbance is reclaimed and seeded immediately. This work is currently in progress. Through DRMS projects of this degree require minimal permitting and are approved within 15 days. It would be a large undertaking for Twentymile to have to wait months for RC to approve small projects of this degree.
- F. The letter to DRMS dated April 4, 2024 states, "An SAE is requested for both locations." What is an SAE?

- “SAE” = Small Area Exemption. All outlying pad sites that are minimal disturbance are permitted as SAEs for the purpose of stormwater management. These sites are small acreages that are covered by our site wide stormwater permit and only require best management practices when it comes to sediment control instead of construction ponds or sumps.

Weed Department Review (Reviewed By: Jonathan Murray)

- A. A revised Weed Management Plan needs to be developed in conjunction with the Weed Department addressing the goals and policies of the Routt County Noxious Weed Management Plan.
 - Twentymile has re-worked our Weed Management Plan to include the new goals and policies of Routt County.
- B. Work with the Weed Department to determine management responsibilities on areas of the mine that are experiencing issues that appear to be omitted from management.
 - Twentymile will continue to put efforts in to the weed management and insure that in the upcoming years all areas are covered by the mine or the rangeland lessee.
- C. The current Weed Plan indicates that the Annual Reclamation Report pertaining to weeds will be submitted. What report is this? Is it the annual DRMS report?
 - This is referring to the annual DRMS reclamation report that is submitted to DRMS every February for the previous year. These reports are available to the public through the DRMS Laserfiche permitting database.

We hope the provided information will allow you to move forward in your review. Please reach out to me if you have question or need any further information.

Sincerely,

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