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Re: Public Notice of Preliminary Finding of Fact, Surface Coal Mining Permit Renewal

An application for renewal of the Two Bull Ridge Mine, Permit Number S-0603 has been filed with the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Mining Section (DMLW-Mining), by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM), P.O. Box 1000, Healy, Alaska 99743. The DMLW-Mining has found that the renewal application contains all the information required under 11 AAC 90.021 – 11 AAC 90.101.

The Two Bull Ridge Mine permit consists of a 2,522-acre mine site and is located approximately five (5) miles northeast of Healy, Alaska. The mine is located within: Township 11 South, Range 7 West, Sections 26-28 and 32-35, Fairbanks Meridian; and Township 12 South, Range 7 West, Sections 3-5, Fairbanks Meridian.

This renewal request is for an additional five-year term and includes areas previously approved in the current permits. No additional mining areas or revisions to the existing boundaries are proposed. No changes or modifications to the operation or reclamation plan are being proposed. The application is currently being reviewed to determine if it meets the technical requirements of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Control and Reclamation Act (AS 27.21; 11AAC 90).

Copies of the application and preliminary findings are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, or on our website (<http://notice.alaska.gov/224778>).

A person who is or may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may file written comments or objections and may include with an objection a request for an informal conference (AS 27.21.140). Written comments should be addressed to Russell Kirkham, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, or by e-mail to coalprogram@alaska.gov with the subject, "2026 Two Bull Ridge Mine Renewal". **The deadline for written comments is 5:00 PM on October 5, 2026.**

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