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November 15, 2024

Mr. Jason Frye
Environmental Specialist
Falkirk Mining Company
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Dear Mr. Frye:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. We will meet at your office at **9:30 a.m. CST, Tuesday, November 26th, 2024**. The McLean County Commissioners, the Wetland Advisory Committee, the McLean County NRCS District Conservationist, and US West Communications have been invited to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

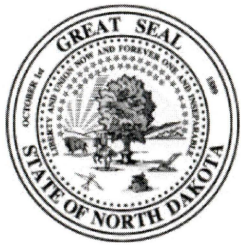
Sincerely,

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Jonathan Emmer
Director
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cc via email only: Steve Burke (steve.burke@nacoal.com)

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US West Communications
2800 Wayzata Blvd. Room 350
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dear US West Communications:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. You are not the surface owner of this land, but the bond release tract surrounds the surface you own. You and/or your representative are invited to participate in this inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine office parking lot at **9:30 a.m. CST, Tuesday, November 26th, 2024.**

The bond release consists of 394.2 acres of land in the SE¹/₄ of Section 30 and the S¹/₂ of Section 31, T146N, R81W, in McLean County. This tract of land is approximately 4 and a half miles east and two miles south of Underwood, North Dakota and adjacent to State Highway 200A. The property consists of 273.3 acres of reclaimed cropland, a 1.6-acre seasonal wetland, four temporary wetlands which equal 0.8 acres, 1.2 acres of section line trail, and 117.3 acres of undisturbed land. All lands in this bond release are owned by the Falkirk Mining Company.

Please contact Warren Swenson at 701-328-9033 or swensonwarren@nd.gov if you plan to attend so that you can be contacted in case of postponement or delay due to inclement weather.

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Division
Office of Surface Mining
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jfleischman@osmre.gov

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. You and/or your representative are invited to participate in this inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine office parking lot at **9:30 a.m. CST, Tuesday, November 26th, 2024.**

The bond release consists of 394.2 acres of land in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 31, T146N, R81W, in McLean County. This tract of land is approximately 4 and a half miles east and two miles south of Underwood, North Dakota and adjacent to State Highway 200A. The property consists of 273.3 acres of reclaimed cropland, a 1.6-acre seasonal wetland, four temporary wetlands which equal 0.8 acres, 1.2 acres of section line trail, and 117.3 acres of undisturbed land. All lands in this bond release are owned by the Falkirk Mining Company. A portion of the land in this application contains Federal coal (S $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T146N, R81W) and a portion of coal was removed from this tract.

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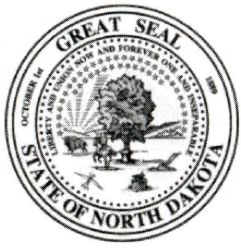
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cc via email only: John Sieving (jsieving@osmre.gov)

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McLean County Commissioners
McLean County Courthouse
PO Box 1108
Washburn, ND 58577-1108

Dear Commissioners:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. You and/or your representative are invited to participate in this inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine office parking lot at **9:30 a.m. CST, Tuesday, November 26th, 2024.**

The bond release consists of 394.2 acres of land in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 31, T146N, R81W, of McLean County. This tract of land is approximately 4 and a half miles east and two miles south of the City of Underwood, North Dakota and adjacent to State Highway 200A. The property consists of 273.3 acres of reclaimed cropland, a 1.6-acre seasonal wetland, four temporary wetlands which equal 0.8 acres, 1.2 acres of section line trail, and 117.3 acres of undisturbed land. All lands in this bond release are owned by the Falkirk Mining Company.

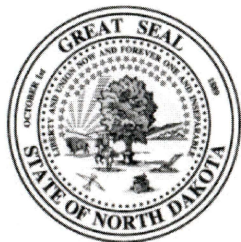
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Mr. David D. Hendrickson
Turtle Lake Service Center
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Turtle Lake, ND 58575
David.Hendrickson@usda.gov

Dear Mr. Hendrickson:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. You and/or your representative are invited to participate in this inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine office parking lot at **9:30 a.m. CST, Tuesday, November 26th, 2024.**

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Mr. Luke Toso
Ecological Services Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Mr. Toso:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. As a member of the Wetland Advisory Committee, you are provided a copy of the bond release application and are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection of the property. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine office parking lot at **9:30 a.m. CST, Tuesday, November 26th, 2024.**

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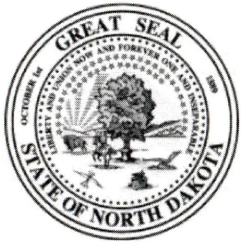
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cc via email only w/o enclosure: Jerry Reinisch (jerry_reinisch@fws.org)

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Mr. Curtis Bradbury
State Biologist
NRCS State Office
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Dear Mr. Bradbury:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. As a member of the Wetland Advisory Committee, you are provided a copy of the bond release application and are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection of the property. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine office parking lot at **9:30 a.m. CST, Tuesday, November 26th, 2024.**

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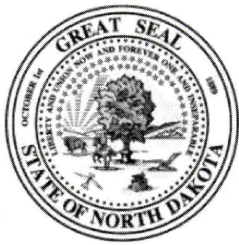
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Mr. David Glatt
Director
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
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Bismarck, ND 58501-1324
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Dear Mr. Glatt:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. As a member of the Wetland Advisory Committee, you are provided a copy of the bond release application and are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection of the property. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine office parking lot at **9:30 a.m. CST, Tuesday, November 26th, 2024.**

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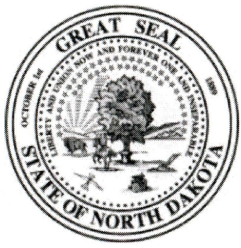
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Mr. Jeb Williams
Director
North Dakota Game and Fish Department
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Bismarck, ND 58501-5095
jwilliam@nd.gov

Dear Mr. Williams:

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