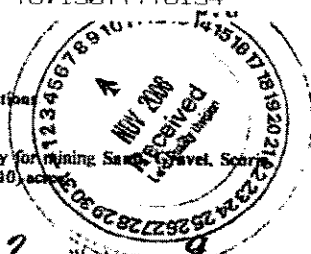


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Notification and Surface Owner Consent for Limited Mining Operation also known as Ten Acre Exemption



Under the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act W.S. §35-11-40(c)(vi), this form may be used only for mining Sand, Gravel, Scor... Limestone, Dolomite, Shale, Ballast or Feldspar. The cumulative affected lands may not exceed ten (10) acres.

- Location of lands affected by the mining operation.
 - Pit, Stockpile and equipment storage areas: enter quarter-quarter or equivalent description.

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| NE NE SW | Section 25 | T. 52 | N. R. 62 | W. Acres 9 |
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 - Haul and access roads; list those portions of newly constructed or upgraded private roads which provide exclusive service to the mining operation.

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| NW SE NW | Section 25 | T. 52 | N. R. 62 | W. Acres 1 |
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 - All listed lands occur in Crook County, WY and the Total Acres are 10.

- List all operators defined in W.S. §35-11-103(a)(ix) as "...any person engaged in mining...or who acts as an agent or independent contractor...in the conduct of mining operations."

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| <p>A. Applicant for the Limited Mining Operation <u>Crook Coal Mining Inc.</u> (individual or company name)</p> <p><u>PO Box 1352</u> <u>Standards WY 82729</u> (mailing address)</p> <p><u>307-283-2221 / 307-283-1450</u> (area code and phone and fax number)</p> <p><u>Corporation</u> (type of entity)</p> | <p>B. Operator (if different from applicant)</p> <p>_____ (individual or company name)</p> <p>_____ (mailing address)</p> <p>_____ (area code and phone and fax number)</p> <p>_____ (type of entity)</p> |
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- Description of affected lands and mining operation.
 - The mineral to be mined is Rock 2 (Limestone) and mineral ownership is Private
(type) (private, state, federal)
 - The mining operation will begin on March 2007 and is projected to last until March 2020
(month & year) (month & year)
 - The mining operation will include 1) removing and stockpiling all topsoil with a dozer, scraper or similar equipment 2) removing and stockpiling overburden with a dozer, scraper or similar equipment 3) removing and processing and stockpiling the mineral 4) hauling the processed mineral 5) backfilling stockpiled overburden and unused mineral, regrading and contouring and retopsoiling and reseeding all affected lands.
 - The premining and postmining land uses are grazing and wildlife habitat.
 - The maximum depth of mining will be 50 feet and the estimated depth to groundwater at the pit is 1000 feet.
- A Reclamation Performance Bond in the amount of \$ 10,000.00 calculated at the rate of \$1,000 per acre for the total acres listed in I.C. above. The bond is Surety Bond
(C.D. No., Surety Bond No., Letter of Credit No.)

5. Under penalties of perjury, we declare that we have examined this notification and consent and the information contained herein, and to the best of our knowledge it is true, correct and complete, and that the location of the proposed operation is accurately shown in the original U.S.G.S. quadrangle map accompanying this consent, and this Ten Acre Exemption will not be used in conjunction with any other adjacent Ten Acre Exemption to circumvent the permitting requirements of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act. Further, it is agreed that the reclamation of the lands affected by the mining operation shall be in compliance with applicable Land Quality Division (LQD) Rules and Regulations and that we have the right to mine the minerals.

6. We, the surface owner and lessee and operator, are aware that the LQD may conduct inspections of the operation and by our signatures below we give our consent to the conduct of such inspections.

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| <p><u>Roger Crook</u> Signature of surface owner and date</p> <p><u>Roger Crook</u> Print or type name of surface owner</p> <p>_____ Signature of surface lessee and date</p> <p><u>4747 Old Hwy 14</u> Print or type address and phone no. of surface owner</p> | <p><u>Julu Ewing</u> 10/25/06 for cem Signature of applicant and date</p> <p><u>Julu Ewing for cem</u> Print or type name of applicant</p> <p><u>Julu Ewing</u> 10/25/06 Signature of applicant and date</p> <p><u>Julu Ewing</u> Print or type name and phone no. of applicant</p> |
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Approved: Philip D. Chamella
Administrator, LQD

Approval date: 29 June 07

