2026 Phase I Bond Release
“LP Slivers”



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19.8.14.1412 A(2)(a):
The permittee's name, address, and the appropriate permit number.

Westmoreland San Juan Mining LLC, La Plata Mine has made an application for the Phase I bond release of 1.9 acres to the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) for a portion of the area currently under Permit #26-01 approved May 28, 2026. Application for bond release is submitted pursuant to 19.8.14 of New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).

Westmoreland San Juan Mining LLC
La Plata Mine
P.O. Box 260
Waterflow, New Mexico 87421

19.8.14.1412 A(2)(b):
An accurate legal description of the land sought for bond release (either metes and bounds or precise Section, Township and Range designations).

The La Plata Mine permit area is located approximately 17 miles north of Farmington, New Mexico. The areas requested for Phase I bond release are located within the following lands of San Juan County, New Mexico. Locations are also depicted in 2026 Phase I Bond Release Areas La Plata Mine USGS Quads found in Appendix B.

Township 32N Range 12W, Sections 7, 17
- Section 7 – 0.7 acres
- Section 17 – 1.2 acres

19.8.14.1412 A(2)(c):
The location of the area proposed for bond release shown on a USGS 7.5' map, which should also show the permit boundaries.

Areas requested for bond release for the La Plata Mine permit areas are shown on a USGS 7.5' base map at a scale of [1:4,800] (2026 Phase I Bond Release Areas La Plata Mine Aerial). See Appendix B Exhibits.

19.8.14.1412 A(2)(d):
A brief narrative summarizing the past history of the mine, the type, amount and date of the current bonding instrument, the number of acres included in the bond release application and the portion it represents of the total permit area, documentation of the type and dates of the reclamation performed with a summary of the results achieved as they relate to the approved reclamation plan, and any other pertinent information that the applicant or the Director may consider appropriate.

Coal mining at La Plata Mine began on January 13, 1986. Coal was transported from La

Plata Mine to San Juan Generating Station from 1986 through 2002 utilizing the La Plata Mine Transportation Corridor. Reclamation of La Plata Mine occurred primarily from 2003-2008 which consisted of backfilling, regrading, and seeding. Reclamation activities were conducted according to approved processes and procedures under Subpart 906 Reclamation Plan of the La Plata Mine Permit #2026-01. Specifically, disturbed areas were regraded consistent with the approved Final Surface Configuration (FSC), capped with topsoil/topdressing material, and had drainage controls established.

The first Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act permit (MMD Permit 24-9P) for La Plata Mine was issued on January 10, 1986. Permit 24-9P was changed to Permit #2016-01 and was approved July 19, 2016. Permit #21-01 was approved June 06, 2025. On May 28, 2026, the current permit #2026-01 was approved.

A performance bond, amended on April 29, 2026, for $13,862,152.90 is filed with MMD and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to satisfy the reclamation bond requirement. The applicant is seeking a determination that the work necessary for Phase I bond release has been successfully completed. WSJM will not be seeking a bond reduction.

A summary of Proposed Phase I release acreage and total permit acreage is provided in the table below. The proposed 2026 Phase I release all have post-mine land use designation of Wildlife Habitat use.

Portion of Permit Area Proposed for Phase I Release	Acres
2026 Proposed Phase I Bond Release Area	1.9 ac.
Total Permit Area	2,896.6 ac.

*Does not include La Plata Transportation Corridor

19.8.14.1412 A(2)(e):
A table listing the current names, addresses and number of acres held by each of the surface and mineral owners of record in the area proposed for bond release.

A list of names and addresses of each surface and mineral owner of record in the area proposed for Phase I bond release is provided in Appendix C Notification Mailing List.

Surface Owner	Address	Area (ac.)
1. USA Bureau of Land Management	P. O. Box 27115 Santa Fe, NM 87501	1.9
3. Westmoreland LLC*	P.O. Box 260 Farmington NM, 87421	0.0*
	Total:	1.9

*Owns less than 0.1 acres

Mineral Owner	Address	Area (ac.)
1. USA, Bureau of Land Management	P. O. Box 27115 Santa Fe, NM 87501	1.9
3. Westmoreland LLC*	P.O. Box 260 Farmington NM, 87421	0.0*
	Total:	1.9

Notes: Numbers preceding owner names refer to parcel numbers in Exhibits 701. E-1 & E-2 of the La Plata Mine Permit #26-01.

19.8.14.1412 A(2)(f): Copies of letters sent to adjoining landowners, local governmental bodies, planning agencies, sewage and water treatment authorities, and water companies in the vicinity of the reclamation operation, notifying them of the permittee's intention to seek bond release.

A draft letter notifying landowners, local government bodies, and other planning agencies of Westmoreland LLC La Plata Mine's request for bond release is in Appendix A Surface Ownership Notification Letter. The addresses are located in Appendix C Notification Mailing List.

19.8.14.1412 A(2)(g): Other maps or information required by the Director to locate or characterize the areas proposed for bond release, soils, revegetation, hydrological or other reclamation issues.

Maps of the proposed Phase I bond release areas are provided in Appendix B Exhibits. The exhibits include:

- 2026 Phase I Bond Release Area La Plata Mine Aerial: Shows proposed Phase I bond release area.
- 2026 Phase I Bond Release Area La Plata Mine Topography: Shows the final reconstructed topography (5' contour intervals) of area requested for Phase I bond release.
- 2026 Phase I Bond Release Area La Plata Mine USGS Quads: Shows the townships, ranges, and sections that the proposed Phase I bond release area is in.

19.8.14.1412 A(2)(h): The permittee shall include in the application for bond release a notarized statement which certifies that all applicable reclamation activities have been accomplished in accordance with the requirements of SMCRA, the act, the regulatory program, and the approved reclamation plan; a certification shall be submitted for each application or phase of bond release.

Statement of certification is provided in Appendix E Statement of Certification.

19.8.14.1412 A(3) A copy of the newspaper advertisement that will be used to provide public notification of the application for bond release.

Draft public notice for publication in The Tri-City Record once MMD has advised Westmoreland San Juan Mining LLC that the administratively complete is provided in Appendix D Draft Public Notice. A copy of the full Phase I application will be placed at the Farmington Public Library in Farmington, New Mexico prior to sending out the notification letters and publication of the advertisement.