Public Notice – 2026 La Plata Mine Phase I Bond Release

Westmoreland San Juan Mining LLC, San Juan Mine has submitted 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 the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).

1. The name and address of the applicant is:

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

2. 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 lands of San Juan County, New Mexico, described below:

   Township 32N Range 12W, Sections 07, 17,

3. A surety bond of $13,862,152.90 is filed with New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division to satisfy the reclamation bond requirement. The applicant is seeking a determination that the work necessary for Phase II bond release has been successfully completed. WSJM will not be seeking a bond reduction.

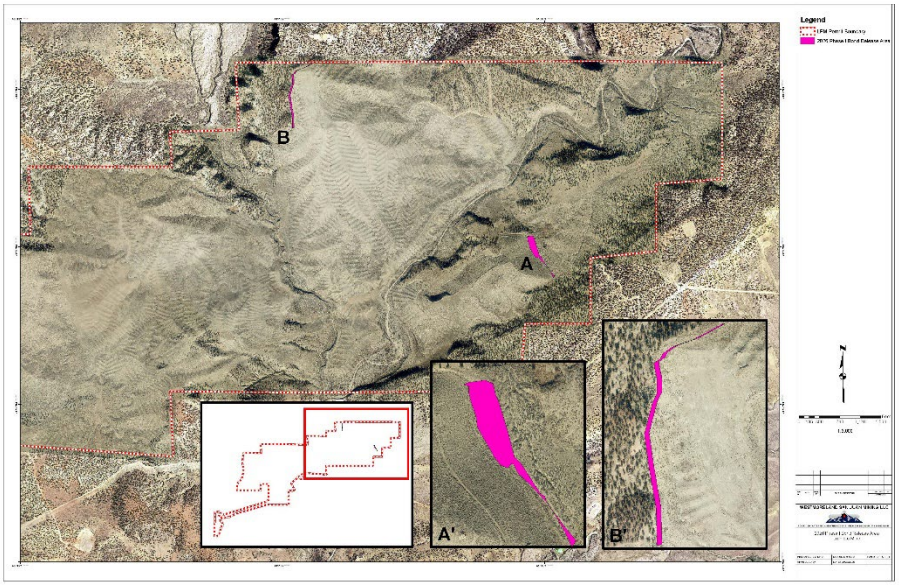
4. All lands within the requested bond release area have been graded to the designed post-mining topography, consistent with the approved mine plans in La Plata Mine permit #26-01, Subpart 906 Reclamation Plan. Bulldozers and graders were used to grade backfill materials after initial placement by the truck/loader fleet. Drainage control has been established in accordance with 19.8.20 NMAC.

5. The application for bond release is available for examination at:

   New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division
   1220 South St. Francis Drive
   Santa Fe, NM 87505

   Farmington Public Library
   2101 Farmington Ave.
   Farmington, NM 87401.
   (505)-599-1270

   Online at
   https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/public-notices/



6. Written comments on the Phase I bond release application can be submitted to the MMD director at the following address:

   Anna Aguilera
   New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division
   1220 South St. Francis Drive
   Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
   (505)-670-9997

   The MMD Director shall receive all written comments, objections, or requests within 30 days after the last publication of this notice.

7. The bond release request has been filed with MMD and will be acted upon pursuant to the permanent regulatory program 19.8 NMAC rules.

8. Interested persons may obtain more information concerning the bond release request by contacting MMD at (505)-670-9997