



Trapper Mine, C-07519 and C-079641, Environmental Assessment

SURFACE MINING PROCESS

- Construct structures to control runoff and protect surface and ground water quality.
- Remove topsoil from planned disturbance areas – either place directly on regraded lands or stockpile for later reclamation.
- Construct haul and access roads, and power and water lines.
- Break up overburden by using explosives.
- Remove overburden with an electric shovel, dragline, excavator, or front end loader.
- Haul overburden to permanent and temporary out-of-pit spoil or mined-out pit areas.
- Remove any remaining rock from coal seams as it is exposed.
- Break up coal by ripping with a dozer or using explosives.
- Load coal into trucks with a front end loader and transport to the Craig Generating Station.
- Conduct reclamation as soon as practicable after coal is removed.



Trapper Mine Long View



Overburden Removal



Coal Loading



Improved Foraging after Reclamation



Wildlife at Trapper Mine



Elk Population Now at 1,500 Head (10x Increase)