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.

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