

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Under Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.; SMCRA), the Denver Field Division of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) gives notice of the availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) addressing an environmental assessment (EA) for an abandoned mine land reclamation project in Boulder County, Colorado.

This action covers the Three Fires Control and Abatement Phase II Lewis/Marshall project, which will abate a hazardous underground coal seam fire, repair subsidence, and backfill a vertical opening of an abandoned coal mine near the city of Boulder, CO. The project site is owned by the City of Boulder and is managed as part of an open space mountain park. The project exists in an abandoned coal mine, previously known as the Marshall Mine. As this fire burns intermittently and most likely due to spontaneous combustion, this project is designed to prevent further burning and the elimination of the hazard to wildlife (e.g. wildfire) and human health and safety (noxious gasses, wildfire, falls into subsidence features and openings). The reclamation will use excavation, wetting, compaction, and backfilling to extinguish and further prevent future mine fires. Additionally, all surface disturbances attributable to the project area will be backfilled, re-contoured and revegetated. OSMRE is providing funding to the Colorado Inactive Mine Reclamation Program to complete this project.

Complete copies of the Environmental Assessment and FONSI are available at the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Western Region, Denver Field Division, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, Colorado, 80202-3050. They also are available at the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, Inactive Mine Reclamation Program, 1313 Sherman Street, #215, Denver, Colorado, 80203.