

CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT

# COLOWYO MINE



## WHAT'S AT STAKE

Coal is a critical component in a modern, mixed portfolio of fuel sources to generate our nation's energy. As the country endeavors to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, coal-fired power generation will remain a major element in America's energy future. Current Colowyo Mine coal reserves used by Craig Generating Station will be exhausted by 2020. The Collom Development Project is an investment in Northwest Colorado that will provide a long-term source of reliable, low-cost energy to keep the lights on, cool and heat homes, operate businesses, charge our cell phones, and pump water from wells to grow our food. This project will allow Colowyo Mine to continue to provide the following:

- 220 mining jobs
- A \$200+ million impact to the regional economy
- An estimated \$12 million in local, state and federal tax revenue

## WHAT'S BEEN DONE

In January 2017 Colowyo received final approval of the Mine Plan from the U.S. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE). While this was a major milestone for the continued operation of the Colowyo Mine, some remaining permits are still required before mining in the area can commence. Colowyo continues to work with local, state and federal agencies to obtain the necessary remaining permits.



The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) released the draft air permit for the Collom Development and is asking for public comment by January 27, 2018. Because the air permit is required for the project to move forward and the state has asked all interested parties, including some who oppose the project, to submit comments. The Colowyo Mine and its employees are again asking the community to show their support for the project and for groups/individuals to submit supportive comments to CDPHE.

OSMRE completed an extensive analysis of the air quality impacts during the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Collom Development. Using additional parameters, the state has modeled and analyzed potential emissions from the mining operations and set limits to protect air quality.

Timing is critical and Colowyo needs approval of remaining permits, including the air permit, or they risk a temporary shutdown once the areas operating under the current mine plan and existing permits are exhausted.

## KEY MESSAGES

- 1 Colowyo provides over 200 mining jobs and approximately \$12 million in tax revenue to the state and region.
- 2 The Collom Development at Colowyo Mine is needed to provide coal to Craig Station beyond 2020.
- 3 The State of Colorado has released the draft air permit and is requesting public comment, the permit is required for the project to continue.
- 4 Colowyo is asking for the continued support of the mine by submitting comments in favor of the air permit by January 27, 2018.
- 5 Community leaders in Northwest Colorado have developed a website where individuals can send comments directly to the state. See more at [supportnorthwestcolorado.com](http://supportnorthwestcolorado.com)

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF COLOWYO

In addition to commenting on the air permit, community leaders in Northwest Colorado are also using a website they developed to support energy production in the region by allowing individuals to send comments directly to the state through an online submission tool. To submit comments go to: [supportnorthwestcolorado.com](http://supportnorthwestcolorado.com)

## WHAT WE CAN DO

Together we can ensure the promise of reliable, responsible energy for generations to come. Everyone is encouraged to submit comments in support of Colowyo and the draft air permit to the State of Colorado by January 27, 2018.

## WRITTEN COMMENTS:

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Subject line: Draft Permit 16MF1324F–Collom Expansion to Colowyo Coal Mine