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**Public Notice of Application for
A Coal Mining Permit Renewal**

An application for renewal of the Two Bull Ridge Mine, Permit Numbers S-0603 has been filed with the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Mining Section (DMLW-Mining), by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM), P.O. Box 1000, Healy, Alaska 99743. The DMLW-Mining has found that the renewal application contains all the information required under 11 AAC 90.021 – 11 AAC 90.101.

DMLW-Mining has determined that the application contains all the information required under 11 AAC 90.021 – 11 AAC 90.101. The Two Bull Ridge Mine permit consists of a 2,522-acre mine site, and is located approximately five (5) miles northeast of Healy, Alaska. The mine is located within: Sections 26-28 and 32-35, Township 11 South, Range 7 West, and Sections 3-5, Township 12 South, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian.

This renewal request is for an additional five-year term and includes the permit areas previously approved in the existing permits. No additional mining areas or revisions to the existing boundaries are proposed. Parts of the permit application have been revised to provide current information as required by 11 AAC 90.021 through 11 AAC 90.065. No changes or modifications to the operation or reclamation plan are being proposed. The application meets all of the requirements of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Program (AS 27.21; 11AAC 90).

Copies of the renewal application and Preliminary Findings of Fact are available for review at the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water offices at 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577 or on our website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/index.cfm>.

A person who is or may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may file written comments or objections and may include with an objection a request for an informal conference (AS 27.21.140). Written comments should be addressed to Russell Kirkham, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, or by e-mail to coalprogram@alaska.gov with the subject, "Two Bull Ridge Renewal". The deadline for written comments is 5:00 PM on May 2, 2016.