



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER
TO CONDUCT RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES
(Abandoned Mine Land Program)**

IN THE MATTER OF: **SCOTT COUNTY GOB PILES PROJECT**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, Division of Mined Land Reclamation, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, pursuant to the authority granted in the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1979 (Chapter 19, Article 4, Section 45.1-260 et seq.) with funding provided by the 2012 Consolidated Grant, has determined and found that:

Land located on Cove Creek (near Rt. 722); on Stony Creek (east of confluence of Stony Creek and Chimney Rock Fork) and on Little Stony Creek (just off Rt. 72 at Hanging Rock) all in Scott County, Virginia, has been adversely affected by past coal mining practices, to wit:

1. Property owners, both known and unknown, are hereby notified of the Division's intention to reclaim the area adversely affected by past coal mining practices. The purpose of this Notice is to provide notice to any landowners, heirs, assigns and devisees who may be affected by the proposed reclamation and who have not been identified and who have not granted written consent.
2. The public health and safety is endangered by: **open mine entries. Property and public waters on Cove Creek, Stony Creek and Little Stony Creek are being adversely affected by coal waste material.**
3. The proposed action consists of:
 - a) Removing and/or regarding all coal waste material. Material will be properly placed in an approved disposal site.
 - b) Permanently sealing all open mine entries.
 - c) Reestablishing vegetation on all areas disturbed by this work
 - d) Utilizing standard erosion and sediment control measures throughout all phases of this work

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4. Known property owner(s) in the area of the proposed reclamation are:

Site One (Cove Creek):

United States Forest Service
Alvion Properties, INC
SWRR Properties, INC (Mineral only)
Case Coal Company, LLC (Lessee)

Site Two (Stony Creek)

Estate of R. O. Begley

Site Three (Hanging Rock)

United States Forest Service
Hagan Estates, INC (Mineral only)

Based upon the above findings, the Commonwealth of Virginia, acting by and through the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Mined Land Reclamation, its agents, employees and contractors, gives notice that 30 days from this Notice being published in the **Scott County Virginia Star**, and posted on the property, the Division will initiate and continue until the proposed work on the **Scott County Gob Piles Project** is complete, and shall do all things necessary and expedient to protect the public health, safety and general welfare. Such entry shall not be construed as an act of condemnation of property nor of trespass thereon.

For further information contact the Division of Mined Land Reclamation at the following address:

Attention: AML Section
VA Dept. of Mines, Minerals & Energy
P. O. Drawer 900
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

The telephone number is (276) 523-8206.

DATE

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BY

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