



STATE OF ALABAMA
SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

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Permit Renewal Number: P-3932-01-26-S

RENEWAL TO PERMIT
FOR SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS

Pursuant to the Alabama Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, Act No. 81-435, and duly promulgated rules of the Commission, Renewal is hereby approved for permit:

Issued to: P-3932-01-26-S
Best Coal, Inc.
P.O. Box 1608
Jasper, AL 35502
(Jagger Mine)

License No.: L-568

The permit is renewed for an additional term of 5 years.
All terms and conditions of the permit remain in effect.

Additional Conditions:

Renewal Finding 1: McGehee Engineering Corp (MEC) preformed a biological habitat assessment survey for approximately 320 acres in Jefferson County AL in May of 2021. There is no habitat for listed, threatened, and endangered species within the project boundary with the exception of approximately 52 acres of potential summer roost habitat for the Indiana and Northern Long-eared bat (NLEB). By comments dated August 13, 2021 the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) states that the project site contains suitable summer roosting habitat for the Indiana and NLEB. The permittee has avoided spring/summer direct impacts to the Indiana and NLEB by restricting tree clearing to a timeframe when neither species is expected to be present on the landscape (Oct 15 to Mar 31). Based on FWS review, the conservation measures meet or exceed all recommendations in the Range-wide Indiana Bat Protection and Enhancement Plan guidelines for Surface Coal-Mining Operations, as revised February 2013 (PEP Guidelines). FWS records indicate that no federally listed or candidate species are known to occur in the project area footprint.

Renewal Finding 2: Best Coal, Inc., through MEC via email dated 9/15/2021, requested a permit condition addressing that no disturbance occur until concurrence from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is provided to ASMC.

Renewal Condition 1: Permittee may only conduct tree removal October 15 through March 31 within the permit area.

Renewal Condition 2: Permittee may not disturb within the permit area until a current USACE concurrence is submitted to ASMC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 16, 2021

ISSUE DATE: September 16, 2021

EXPIRATION DATE: September 15, 2026


Kathy H. Love, Director

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cc: I & E, Permit File
Dept. of Labor
Alabama Historical Commission
Jefferson County Commission