



STATE OF ALABAMA
SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

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Permit Renewal Number: P-3968-64-28-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-3968-64-28-S
Best Coal, Inc.
P. O. Box 1608
Jasper, AL 35502
(Little Spring Creek East 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.

Renewal Findings 1: By comments dated May 18, 2023, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service concurred the project is not likely to adversely affect the Indiana Bat and the Northern Long-Eared Bat if tree removal only occurs from October 15 through March 31.

Renewal Condition 1: The permittee may only conduct tree removal from October 15 through March 31.

Renewal Condition 2: If tree removal from the potential summer roosting habitat is necessary outside October 15 through March 31 timeframe an Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat presence/absence survey must be conducted, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service approval must be submitted to ASMC prior to tree removal.

SM 12/11/2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 11, 2023
ISSUE DATE: December 11, 2023
EXPIRATION DATE: December 9, 2028

Kathy H. Love, Director

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