



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

IN THE MATTER OF: **BULL CREEK CHURCH LANDSLIDE 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 **2014** Consolidated Grant, has determined and found that:

Land located **along St. Rt. 609 (Bull Creek) approximately 1.0 miles west of the community of Maxie in Buchanan** 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, safety and property are endangered by: **drainage from an abandoned underground mine has resulted in an unstable hillside above occupied dwellings and a church. Continued movement of the hillside could block Bull Creek and result in flooding of the community and State Route 609 (Bull Creek).**
3. The proposed action consists of:
  - a) Improving existing access roads and/or construction of new access roads as needed. Temporary stream crossings will be installed in Bull Creek and will be removed upon completion of this work.
  - b) Removing the landslide to natural ground or regrading the landslide to a stable configuration. All of the excavated material will be hauled to and properly disposed of on a reclaimed mine site.
  - c) Establishing positive surface and subsurface drainage as needed;

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- d) Revegetating all areas disturbed by this work;
  - e) Standard erosion and sediment control measures will be utilized for the duration of this project.
4. Known property owner(s) in the area of the proposed reclamation are:
- Lloyd and Blanche Blankeship**  
**Bull Creek Old Regular Baptist Church**  
**Janis Carrigan**  
**Penn Virginia Coal Company**  
**Clintwood Elkhorn Mining Company**

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 Virginia Mountaineer**, and posted on the property, the Division will initiate and continue until the proposed work on the **Bull Creek Church Landslide 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 4/2/15 BY Randy Casey  
**Division Director**