

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON COMMUNITY
IMPACT STATEMENT**

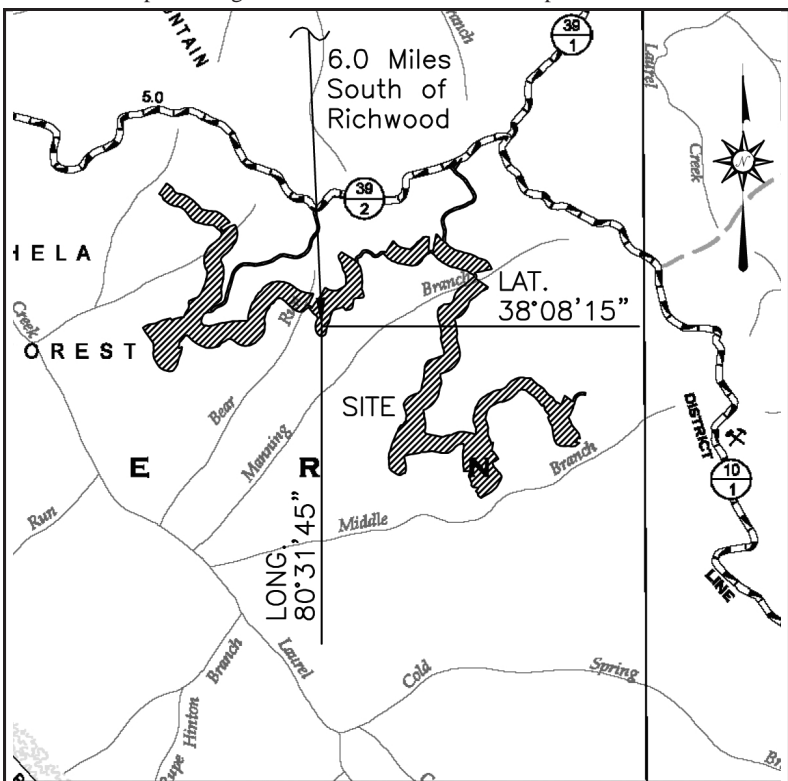
The public is invited to submit written comments and other documentation to the West Virginia Office of Coalfield Community Development (OCCD) on the planned surface mining operations and how their communities are anticipated to be affected and the intended post mining land use, as provided for by Chapter 5B, Article 2A, West Virginia Code and Title 145, Series 8, Code of State Regulations:

Name of Permit Applicant or Permittee: South Fork Coal Company, LLC
Name of Surface Mine: Laurel Creek Contour No. 1 Mine
SMA number: 3010-16

Type of Permitting Action: Application for new surface mining permit
County: Greenbrier, District: Williamsburg
USGS Quadrangle: Richwood,
Latitude: 38° 08' 15"
Longitude: 80° 31' 45"
Surface acres affected: 352.16

Expected duration of mining operation (years): 6

A map showing the location of the mine site is provided below:



Location Map

Laurel Creek Contour No. 1 Mine
Richwood Quadrangle

West Virginia General Highway Map

Nearest Post Office: Richwood, West Virginia

Williamsburg District, Greenbrier County, WV

Receiving Streams: Unnamed Tributaries of/and Jets Hollow,

Bear Run, Manning Branch, and Middle Branch, all of

Laurel Creek of Cherry River of Gauley River of

Kanawha River of Ohio River

Scale: 1" = 1 Mile

A Community Impact Statement describing the impact of the above surface mining operation on the surrounding area and proposed post-mining land uses has been filed and is available for inspection in the OCCD and at the following locations:

WV Dept. of Environmental Protection
1159 Nick Rahall Greenway
Fayetteville, WV 25840
304-465-1911

Greenbrier County Planning Commission
200 Court Street, North, Room 126
Lewisburg, West Virginia
304-647-6687

WV Dept. of Environmental Protection
Office of Blasting & Explosives
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, West Virginia 25304
304-926-0499

Greenbrier Valley Economic Development
Corporation
804 Industrial Park Road
Maxwelton, West Virginia 24957
304-497-4300

Greenbrier County Courthouse
Greenbrier County Clerk's Office
200 Court Street, North
Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901
304- 647-6602

Greenbrier County Library
152 Robert W. McCormick Drive
Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901
304- 647-7568

Region IV Planning and Development Council
885 Broad Street, Suite 100
Summersville, West Virginia 26651
304-872-4970

The Community Impact Statement will serve as the basis for the preparation by the county development authority of a land use master plan. The Statement will identify surface mining impacts on the surrounding area, area infrastructure as well as land development needs relating to economic development, post-mining land and infrastructure assets that may available to satisfy these needs.

The public is invited to submit written comments and other documentation to the OCCD within 30 days of the date of this notice concerning how their communities are anticipated to be affected by the above surface mining operation and the intended post-mining land use.

After the close of the public comment period, the comments will be delivered to the development authority and assist in the incorporation into the county land use master plan. All comments and questions should be directed to the following:

WV Division of Energy
Office of Coalfield Community Development
Building 6, Room 650
State Capitol Complex
Charleston, WV 25305-0311
Phone: 304-957-2000
Fax: 304-558-0362
Email: Rachel.A.Lester@wv.gov