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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number **866-0354 Amendment #2**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that B & W Resources Inc., 300 Liperote Way, London, Kentucky 40741 has applied for an Amendment to an existing surface coal mining

and reclamation operation located 2.7 miles northeast of Lower McIntosh in Leslie and Perry Counties. The amendment will add 134.1 acres and delete 104.1 acres making a total area of 415.0 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.2 miles north west from HWY 80 junction with Mudlick Road and located 0.2 miles West of Mudlick Fork of Right Fork of Big Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Hyden East U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Kentucky River Properties LLC., Mountain Mission Foundation, Land Resources and Royalties LLC, Archie Sizemore, Paul Sizemore, and Plymouth Energy, Inc. The operation will use the contour / area method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 E. Cumberland Avenue, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601.

University of the Cumberlands, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife partner to open new WMA

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this agreement will allow us to implement habitat improvement projects that will benefit wildlife species on the WMA and provide excellent learning opportunities for students who may want to work with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife or another conservation agency after graduation.”

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife provides public access to nearly 1.7 million acres across 136 public land areas to conserve fish and wildlife resources and provide public access. Because the agency owns only a small fraction of the total of these public access lands, partnership agreements make most of it possible. This is the first such property in Whitley County.

“It is exciting to think of how this partnership will allow us to manage and conserve this property in a way that can benefit our students and the community for years to come,” said Travis Wilson, executive vice president for operations at the university.

University of the Cumberlands WMA includes parts of the Cumberland River watershed and features mostly forested and moderate to steep terrain. The property offers large tracts of land with mature forest, as well as reclaimed surface-mined land covered with shrubs and grasses. Together, these tracts afford diverse habitats for a wide range of wildlife species.

According to the University of the Cumberlands WMA agreement, hunting for deer, bear and coyote will be limited to archery-only. All other game species may be hunted under statewide regulations in effect for the applicable county. The WMA agreement prohibits these activities: nighttime hunting, horseback riding, off-road driving, target shooting, baiting or feeding, and commercial guiding.

Updated WMA information, regulations and maps are available on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website’s Public Lands Search page. To access the updated WMA information, regulations and maps, type University of the Cumberlands WMA in the search box in the top right corner of the fw.ky.gov homepage.

Basketball nominations sought for Midway/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year

The nomination process for the Midway University/KHSAA Male and Female Student Athlete of the Year among Basketball participants for 2024-2025 is open.

This award is based on athletic and academic achieve-

ment as well as community service and leadership.

The link to the application contains additional criteria and a form to nominate one participant from each 2024-2025 team. Nominations must come from a member

school, but can be submitted by an administrator, guidance counselor, or coach. Nominations may only be submitted online at [## Top Scams to Watch Out for This Tax Season](https://khsaa.org/ge35-midway-university-khsaa-female-student-ath-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

(StatePoint) The days of filing paper tax returns are gone, and criminals are taking advantage. With taxpayers managing their sensitive information online, thieves are finding new ways to scam victims. In 2023 alone, the IRS reported \$5.5 billion lost to tax fraud schemes. And the increased prevalence of artificial intelligence means tax scams this year will likely be more sophisticated than ever. Scammers have an arsenal of weapons, but no matter their tactics, the goal is the same – to have you give them money or access to it. Here are scams to look out for this tax season:

Tax avoidance scams. These scams often promise rewards too good to be true. Scammers claim to have specialized knowledge on exploiting loopholes to avoid taxes or maximize returns. High-income filers are heavily targeted through offers of seemingly legitimate annuities or tax shelters.

Refund scams. In this scam, a criminal will claim to be someone official notifying of an unclaimed or incorrectly calculated refund, prompting the victim to share information – and possibly bank account numbers – to claim it.

Violation scams. This is a fear-based scam, where the criminal poses as an IRS official threatening some punitive action, claiming the victim committed a violation and needs to contact them to resolve the situation.

Filing support scams. Similar to tech support scams, criminals offer to help create IRS accounts to assist with the online filing process. Frequently posing as tax preparers, scammers will go through the motions of gathering the victim’s personal information for tax forms they never intend to file. Social media scams. Social media serves as a great place for criminals to find potential victims and carry out tax scams, fraudulently claiming to offer different types of services or possessing unique knowledge or access.

Recovery scams. Once a victim is scammed, criminals will try to strike again – believing the victim is gullible. Exploiting a time of vulnerability, they’ll contact the victim with promises of helping them recover their losses and will leverage this as an opening to commit additional crimes. While it is not always easy to pick out a scam, here are indicators to watch for:

- Promise of a big pay-out. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Request for your account informa-

tion. The IRS will never ask for your credit or debit account information over the phone.

- Random contact. The IRS contacts taxpayers by mail first and will never contact via random phone calls or digital means. The IRS will not leave prerecorded, urgent, or threatening voice-mails.

- Demands or threats. The IRS can’t revoke your driver’s license, business licenses or immigration status and cannot threaten to immediately bring in local law enforcement. Taxpayers are allowed an appeals process, so any message of “now or else” won’t come from an official channel.

- Request for you to click a weblink. Odd or misspelled web links can take you to harmful sites instead of IRS.gov. The IRS recommends these best practices to protect against tax fraud:



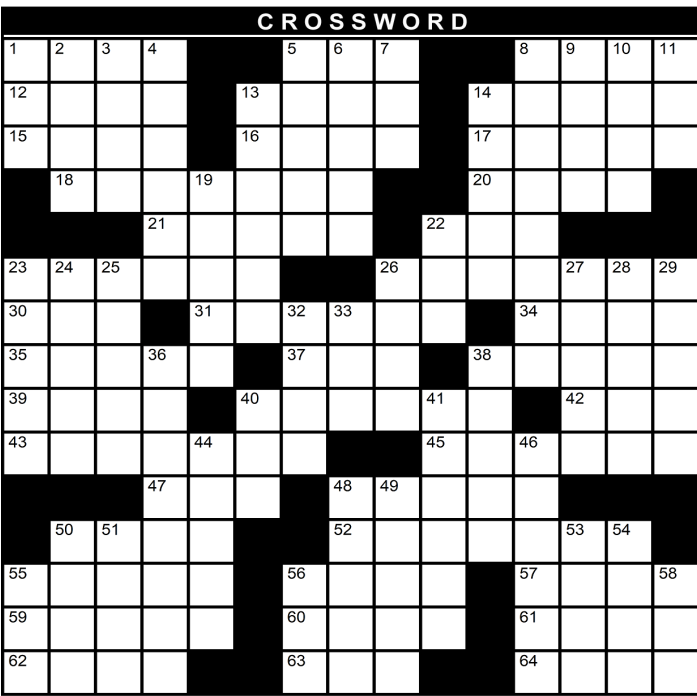
- Get an early start. File early so criminals have less time to impersonate you.
- Set up a verified account. Set up your own IRS account before someone else can and use an Identity Protection PIN – a six-digit number known only to you and the IRS.
- Wait for written notice. Do not respond to any supposed communications from the IRS if you haven’t first received official notification through U.S. mail. If you get a call from someone claiming to be the IRS, hang up and call the official number on the website before engaging. Further, never click a link sent digitally as initial

contact.

Apply good cyber hygiene. Do not use public Wi-Fi when filing your tax returns. Do use strong passwords, secured network connections and multi-factor authentication. Run all software updates and keep systems current.

If you fall victim to a tax scam, report it to the IRS. For more scam protection tips, visit PNC’s Security & Privacy Center at pnc.com.

One wrong click can cause tremendous damage that ends up earning bad guys a windfall. However, a little caution can go a long way in helping you avoid a costly tax scam.



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1. 43,560 square feet
5. Undergarment
8. “She ____ a Yellow Ribbon”
12. Ocean Spray ____-Apple juice
13. #5 Across, pl.
14. Concentration of solution, in chemistry
15. CISC alternative
16. Swearing-in words
17. Goodwill branch
18. *Artist with most Grammy nominations
20. ALCS counterpart
21. Winter Olympics participant
22. IX minus II
23. Drum roll sound
26. Front of building, pl.
30. Get it wrong
31. Upholstery choice
34. Reflect deeply
35. Raccoon’s cousin
37. “____ the fields we go”
38. Binary digits code
39. Capital on a fjord
40. Isaac of science fiction fame
42. Consumed
43. Within shortest distance

45. *100-year-old Grammy Award nominee
47. Beer faucet
48. Corpulent
50. Self-satisfied
52. *2025 Grammy nominated former band, with The
55. Twist and distort
56. Bank’s provision
57. Flock’s response
59. Ranee’s wrap
60. Elvers
61. *2003 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient
____ Puente
62. Like some wines
63. ____ it or lose it
64. Formerly, formerly DOWN
1. Acronym, abbr.
2. Discarded cards in cribbage
3. Tear down
4. Enclose in a cyst
5. Orthodontic appliance
6. Motion Picture Association of America, e.g.
7. Certain tray content
8. *Former multiple time Grammy host Andy ____
9. Related to ear
10. RPMs
11. Before, in verse
13. Predatory fish
14. Gin’s partner
19. Giraffe’s striped-leg cousin
22. *1995 “Have I

Told You Lately That I Love You” winner ____ Morrison
23. Scout’s mission
24. What phoenix did
25. ____-____-la
26. Non-negotiable
27. Old European coin
28. Last 8 in college basketball
29. More than sly
32. *Nominated artist Post Malone’s actual last name
33. Hula dancer’s necklace
36. *Taylor Swift’s “The ____ Poets Department”
38. Nautical “Stop!”
40. Nile viper
41. *Grammy winners Frank and Billy
44. Top scout
46. Make a connection
48. Double-reed instruments
49. Famous Memphis street
50. Unforeseen obstacle
51. Foal’s mother
53. Chieftain in Arabia
54. Tennis amount
55. General Services Administration
56. Romanian money
58. *Kendrick Lamar’s “____ Like Us”

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