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Philanthropy and Community are important at New Elk Coal
New Elk Coal Donates \$15,000 to Las Animas County Sports Facilities

Weston, CO: December 6, 2022 – New Elk Coal today announced its inaugural \$15,000 community legacy donation will be given to Las Animas County to complete construction of a new outdoor basketball facility at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds.

“Our goal is to build on the multi-generational legacy of mining in our region, to support and strengthen our local community,” said Jon Romcke, New Elk Coal’s Chief Executive Officer. “We were honored to work with our local County Commissioners to select this worthwhile initiative that will become a permanent symbol of New Elk’s commitment to our community.”

The outdoor basketball court is the latest addition to the multiple upgrades now underway at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds, which include sports facilities, playgrounds, open park space and building renovations.

This donation is the first of what will be an annual community legacy donation and is a keystone in New Elk’s philanthropic efforts.

“A key focus area for us is to support our youth – the future leaders of our community – through greater education and physical activity opportunities, which is why we were so pleased to support this initiative,” Romcke added.

Since starting operations in 2021, the company has prioritized community investment activities, including:

- Creating an annual scholarship program for graduating high school seniors in Las Animas County.
- Sponsoring local youth organizations: The Youth Club of Trinidad, Healthy Kids Running Series, City of Trinidad Youth Sports, Mt. Carmel Leadership and 4H programs.
- Participating in No-Shave November with contest proceeds donations to Mt. San Rafael Hospital for a local chemotherapy treatment center in 2021 and the regional Relay for Life in 2022.
- Supporting community events: TLAC Chamber Luncheon, Action 22 Annual Meeting, Trinidad Golf Association Tournament, Trinidad Police Department Shop with a Cop and First National Bank of Trinidad Thanksgiving Food Drive.

About New Elk Coal: New Elk Coal is a steelmaking coal mine located near Trinidad in Las Animas County, Colorado. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Allegiance Coal, New Elk is committed to the responsible mining of coal required for steel production.

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