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Gentlemen

We would like to thank all those involved for a successful and safe 2008 drilling/exploration season! The data acquired through these coal exploration programs is vital for all of us to insure that good planning can be achieved and that we are all working towards the best possible use of these public (and private) coal resources.

The purpose of this letter is to remind you that before we all know it, the 2009 drilling season will be upon us. In order to assure that all of the necessary NEPA and permitting work can be accomplished in a timely fashion and that the best possible scheduling for your company can be achieved, we respectfully request that exploration plans for either on- or off-lease be submitted as soon as possible.

We recognize that you may still be interpreting the results of this year's drilling and that next year's drilling needs may not be specifically determined yet. However, in an effort to get the plans and licenses (where necessary) approved, it is important to complete as much work as possible this season so that the specialists involved in the approvals can be evaluating the plans in the off-season. As most of you already know, work such as cultural resource reconnaissance and/or T&E evaluations, to name a couple, if done ahead of time will speed the process. While it is possible the specific locations for all drilling locations is not known yet, it may be prudent to get clearance now for more locations than may ultimately be necessary in an effort to expedite the approvals.

It is also important, where possible, to determine early on the source of water to be used for drilling; as the US Fish and Wildlife consultation on this matter can take up to 90 days.

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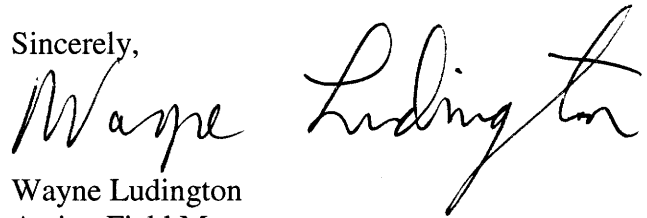
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It is the responsibility of the BLM to approve these plans (with consultation as necessary from other surface management agencies) as quickly as possible; and this can be done with your continued help.

Please contact either Sue Wiler or Michael Glasson at the Price Field Office to discuss regulatory requirements or for help in putting these plans together if necessary.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation. We will look forward to working with you again next summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Ludington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "W" and "L".

Wayne Ludington
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