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Subject: Public Outreach for the Evaluation of the Coal Regulatory Program (Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining & Federal Office of Surface Mining)

The Bureau of Land Management appreciates the expanded efforts made by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM) and Federal Office of Surface Mining (OSM) to address and expedite in a cooperative manner the work of our respective agencies.

This has been especially evident in necessary team work for the:

- tragic Crandall Canyon Mine accident,
- Bear Canyon Mine bankruptcy issues,
- subsidence monitoring methods and standards,
- wildlife team cooperative discussions,
- hydrologic monitoring/mitigation,
- Alton Mine project permitting/EIS, and
- scanning of public records (including the Utah Geological Survey).

BLM looks forward to continued cooperation in our efforts to serve the public.

Please call Jeff McKenzie (801-539-4038) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kent Hoffman
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