

April 22, 1980

Inspection Memo to
Coal File:

Re: Valley Camp of Utah
Belina Mine
ACT/007/001
Carbon County, Utah

This mine site was visited on March 26, 1980 by Mary Ann Wright of the Division, Clark Johnson of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Larry Dalton of the Division of Wildlife Resources. Mr. Trevor Whiteside of Valley Camp accompanied the party around the mine site. The purpose of the visit was for an on-site look at the facilities and the proposed operations for a wildlife consultation.

Mr. Whiteside explained that an area of proposed development would be the conveyor belt which would run from the O'Connor Portal to the present load-out site. This conveyor belt would be approximately 3½ miles long, first in the longest section of this conveyor belt is proposed to be in operation in approximately 1984. This section of the conveyor belt will run from the existing Belina Mine and across the road down from Whiskey Canyon through undisturbed areas in front of the present Belina offices and over to the load-out site. Mr. Whiteside explained that the conveyor belt was being designed to accommodate any possible migrations. The height of the conveyor would be such that a man riding on horseback could pass under it at any given point. This approach to the design of the conveyor belt seemed to answer any questions which both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dalton might have about big game migration in the area.

Mr. Dalton had further concerns about this site. One concern was the problem of coal continually falling into the creek from trucks which are loaded too full. This problem seems to be further aggravated by snow removal which pushes snow containing coal finds into the creek. Mr. Dalton has apparently been communicating with Valley Camp on this problem for some time. Mr. Whiteside committed verbally to trying harder to alleviate the problem. Mr. Dalton also stated that raptor use of areas in proposed development should be studied.

Mr. Whiteside committed to sending a letter officially requesting the wildlife consultation directly from the company. He stated that two maps would accompany the letter.

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cc: O.S.M., Denver

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Note: For statistics see C.V. Spur memo dated March 25, 1980