

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

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Manti-LaSal National Forest
599 West Price River Drive
Price, Utah 84501

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Mr. Floyd L. Johnson
OSM - Reclamation and Enforcement
Brooks Towerst - 1020 15th Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

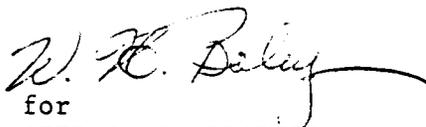
Inasmuch as the underground portion of Valley Camp of Utah's mining operation is situated within the boundaries of the Manti Division of the Manti-LaSal National Forest and upon the request of the Valley Camp representative, the following comments are offered for consideration in review of Section UMC 784.20, Subsidence Control Plan, pursuant to Valley Camp's Mining Permit Application.

In consideration of several issues and concerns relating to the extraction of the mineral resource in the Valley Camp mining area, and the impact of such mineral extraction upon renewable resources such as wildlife habitat, aquifers, water rights and uses, recreation, timber resources, agriculture and rangeland use, and other employment of lands within Forest Service management responsibilities a Subsidence and Hydrologic Monitoring Plan has been required by the Forest Service to be included in the mine plan.

The Subsidence and Hydrologic Monitoring Plan has been in effect for four years to determine and quantify the effects of subsidence to the various resources. Renewable resource land and structures do exist within the permit area. There is no evidence from the monitoring survey that subsidence has occurred or will necessarily occur to that extent of causing material damage or diminution of use of such structures or renewable resource lands. This does not preclude the possibility that subsidence of that magnitude could occur. It is the responsibility of the Minerals Management Service to approve the technical mining aspects of the mine plan to insure the protection of the resources to the extent practical.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, contact the Supervisor's Office of the Manti-LaSal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. C. Christensen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

for
REED C. CHRISTENSEN
Forest Supervisor