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TO: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Biologist #2
FROM: Holland Shepherd, Field Specialist HS
RE: Meeting with Cedar Creek Consultants at Valley Camp and
Soldier Creek, ACT/007/001 and ACT/007/018, Carbon County,
Utah

During the week of July 7th through the 11th, I met with two consultants from Cedar Creek and Associates, Steve Long and Steve Viert. We visited the Soldier Creek mine site July 8 and Valley Camp on July 11. The topic of concern was the establishment of revegetation reference areas at both mine sites.

At Soldier Creek we performed a field tour of the area proposed for the waste rock disposal site, and the associated reference area. It was determined that the best site to establish the reference area would be as proposed in the MRP and indicated on Plate E042. The associated plant community and soil type appeared to be very similar in both areas (reference area and disposal site).

During this visit the consultants indicated to me that they would be using a ten point cover scope or frame to perform the vegetation sampling at Soldier Creek and Valley Camp. This will require changing the methodology which was committed to in the plan, from the use of quadrats to cover frame. They propose to sample using points along a set number of transects (100 points per transect every 10 cm or more). They did use this method the week they were here, sampling at both mine sites.

We met with Trevor Whiteside during the Valley Camp visit. Reference areas to be used at the Utah #2 and Belina sites were discussed. Steve Long seemed to have a pretty accurate idea as to the locations for these areas which you had discussed with him earlier.

The site selected at Utah #2 is located on the west facing outslope of the embankment surrounding the truck loadout facility. The area was reseeded in 1980 and appeared to be well established.

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Three sites were selected at Belina: the first on the west facing slope above the Sediment Pond; the second on the east facing slope across from the coal stockpile, and the third on the east facing slope just south of the conveyor. I believe the above were reseeded between 1980 and 1983.

Steve informed me that he would be sending you a copy of the areas sampled (defined on a vegetation map) and the results of his analysis.

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