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Re: Request for Clean Copies of 160 Acre Incidental Boundary Change, Loadstar Energy Co. White Oak Mine, ACT/007/001-IBC99F, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Miller:

On May 3, 2000 we approved your application for the 160 acre Incidental Boundary Change conditioned upon Forest Service concurrence and upon our receipt of 7 clean copies of the permit change. The Forest Service has now consented to the approval, subject to your completion of certain revisions to the Mining and Reclamation Plan. A copy of their letter is enclosed for your information.

We were subsequently provided with 6 copies of permit plates which had been corrected and were asked to review these and if these plates were acceptable, clean copies of the entire Incidental Boundary Change would be submitted. (March 5, 2000 Letter from Vicky Miller) We have reviewed these plates and hereby approve the corrections. At this time 7 clean copies of the submittal must be provided and upon their receipt a revised permit will be issued which includes the 160 acre incidental boundary change. The Forest Service requirements will be attached as a stipulation to the permit.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure

cc: Price Field Office

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RE: 160 Acre Incidental Boundary Change, Lodestar Energy Co. White Oak Mine,
ACT/00/007/001-IBC99F

Dear Mary Ann:

The Forest Service hereby consents/concurs to approval of the IBC by the Division subject to the following Mining and Reclamation Plan revisions to be completed at the earliest possible date:

1. Page 0-6 of 14. In the event that water is lost in either Coal or Cox Canyons, Lodestar must commit to water replacement by a method acceptable to the Forest Service (surface management agency).
2. Page 300-3. Since both Coal and Cox Canyon Creeks are perennial, Lodestar must provide specific information on Coal and Cox Canyons regarding fish and other aquatic species.
3. Page 500-10, Paragraph 6. The statement regarding restoration of surface lands must be changed from "technologically and economically feasible" to "technologically feasible". Add a sentence that restoration plans are subject to approval of the regulatory agency and surface management agency.
4. Page 500-20, Paragraph 4, Second Bullet. Revise the first sentence to indicate that monitoring would be required to continue for a longer time if subsidence cannot be demonstrated to be substantially complete.
5. Page 700-10. The monitoring plan must include mapping of the flowing and non-flowing portions of Coal and Cox Canyons each fall around October 1 to determine if there have been any impacts to perennial stream reaches. This information needs to be compared to precipitation data. Our data shows that Cox Canyon Creek is perennial but Coal Canyon Creek may not be. Additional monitoring will be necessary to properly characterize flow.
6. Riparian vegetation must be mapped on Plate 3-1 and described in the wildlife habitat and vegetation sections. The riparian vegetation communities should be characterized by the dominant overstory and understory species. Since Cox Canyon Creek is



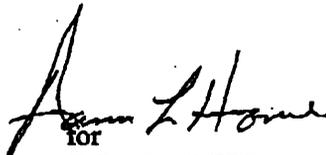
White Oak Mine 160-acre IBC

characterized as perennial, it can be reasonably expected that they contain riparian vegetation and habitat. Additional mapping of Coal Canyon needs to be done to determine if it contains riparian vegetation.

7. Overburden Map 5-3A is incomplete in the IBC area and must be completed to determine if there are areas with less than 200 feet of cover that must not be mined.
8. The four subsidence monitoring points are located along the northern boundary of the IBC and do not adequately present information on the four panels. Add a subsidence monitoring point in the bottom of the two upper tributaries of Coal Canyon near the southern portion of the IBC. This would provide information on the most sensitive areas in the IBC with shallow overburden.

If you have any questions, contact Carter Reed or Jeff DeFreest at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,



for

JEFF WALTER

Acting Forest Supervisor

cc:

D-2/3 (Jeff DeFreest)

Dick Manus, BLM Price Field Office