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Price Canyon port of entry closing for westbound traffic

The port of entry in Price Canyon will be closed in the westbound direction to focus efforts on the east bound truck traffic. According to Ron Butler of the Utah Department of Transportation, the west bound traffic is checked in Colorado and in Monticello and closing the check will eliminate the left hand turn west bound trucks have to make across traffic, making the port much safer. Local company's trucks will be checked at

the company level, a system which Butler said will require a little policing on the company's part but is an effective way to keep track of local trucks. The Utah Department of Transportation states that the purpose of the ports of entry is to preserve the state's highway infrastructure, protect the traveling public and to promote the advancement of the motor carrier industry.

State agencies reach White Oak reclamation agreement

On Tuesday, the division of oil, gas and mining in conjunction with the Utah Attorney General's Office announced that the state has reached a settlement agreement involving the reclamation of the White Oak coal mining complex in Carbon County.

According to the Utah agencies, the settlement with the owners of the company and certain creditors of Lodestar Energy Inc. will provide the state with adequate resources to complete the reclamation project at the local coal mine site.

Approximately \$10 million has been made available for the settlement.

Utah will receive a little more than \$1.2 million for the

continuation of reclamation work at the White Oak mine.

The White Oak complex is located near Scofield Reservoir.

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and the Commonwealth of Kentucky also received funding for reclamation obligations involving coal mines in the two states.

"It was particularly gratifying to see all the parties involved work constructively to reach this settlement," noted division director Lowell Braxton. "It took a concerted effort from all of them to ensure adequate funds were made available for reclamation."

Lodestar Energy, Inc. and

its immediate parent company, Lodestar Holding Inc., have been in bankruptcy since March 2001. William Bishop, the bankruptcy trustee, has been overseeing the liquidation of both companies.

In addition to Utah and bankruptcy trustee, the parties to the settlement include The Renco Group, hic., the parent company to both Lodestar Energy and Lodestar Holding; Frontier Insurance Company in Rehabilitation, an issuer of reclamation bonds to Lodestar Energy; Congress Financial Corporation, a secured lender to Lodestar; Wexford Capital LLC, a secured lender to Lodestar; and U.S. Office of Service Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Collectively, Renco, Frontier, Congress and Wexford agreed to make available the approximately \$10 million in settlement funds.

Pursuant to the terms of the settlement, the parties will be receiving mutual releases from all the other parties in regard to reclamation and other claims.

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has been conducting reclamation work at the White Oak mine facility since last year using an original \$1 million insurance settlement.

The new funds will ensure completion of the reclamation project, the division concluded.

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In the following table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

ND/Low - High - For water systems that have multiple sources of water, the Utah Division of Drinking Water has given wa-