

June 15, 1976

Mr. Jackson W. Moffitt,  
Area Mining Supervisor  
U.S. Geological Survey  
8426 Federal Building  
125 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

Re: Braztah Corporation  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

Ron Daniels and I have reviewed the mining and reclamation plan for Braztah Corporation's operations. The objectives outlined in the reclamation plan are excellent, and in concert with the objectives of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act.

The primary concerns of the Division in cases in which surface ownership is mixed are (1) ~~of~~ reclamation of fee surface assurance and (2) that fee surface is covered by reclamation performance surety. Mr. Travis of your office informs us that Braztah Corporation carries a statewide commercial bond in the amount of \$25,000. as reclamation surety. We are unsure as to whether or not these monies would be available to perform reclamation of fee lands should the operator default. We also wonder if this amount is sufficient to guarantee reclamation of areas disturbed by Braztah Corporation statewide. If the surety now posted by Braztah does not cover fee surface the Division will have to request ~~for~~ surety to cover these areas as well.

Following are some suggestions concerning vegetal species which have good performance records in reclamation of similarly disturbed areas.

<u>GRASSES</u>	<u>SUGGESTED RATE OF APPLICATION (lb/acre)</u>
Fairway Crested Wheatgrass	2
Western Wheatgrass	2
Indian Ricegrass	1

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<u>SHRUBS</u>	<u>SUGGESTED RATE OF APPLICATION (lb/acre)</u>
Utah Serviceberry	1
Big Sagebrush	1/2
Mountain Mahogany	1
Antelope Bitterbrush	1
<u>LEGUMES</u>	
Alfalfa	1
Yellow Sweet Clover	1

Shrubs which may later be transplanted and have demonstrated good survival rates in similar areas are:

Sand Cherry  
Squawbush  
Multiflora Rose

The Division has no record of the address of Braztah Corporation, nor the name of the principle contact <sup>at</sup> Braztah. We would appreciate it if you could let us know with whom we should be in touch.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

James W. Carter  
Engineering Geologist

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