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Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Smith:

Review of the request from Price River Coal Company for a variance from the requirements for cross drains or roads indicate that the proposal would be acceptable provided (1) the drainage system currently flows to Spring Creek without encroaching on the road in a manner that causes excessive erosion and (2) the flow velocity of the 10 year, 24 hour precipitation event is reduced to 5 fps or less using straw bales, riprap, or other velocity retardants. Preliminary approval is given based on the limited data provided. Appropriate maps and sections showing the specific sediment controls planned for the Sowbelly Gulch access road should be submitted immediately. Final review and action would be provided as soon as the detailed analyses are found adequate.

We hope this meets with your approval, that you will request the information of Price River, and that the information will be provided quickly.

Sincerely,

DONALD A. CRANE

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