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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Office of Surface Mining

From: District Mining Supervisor

Subject: Price River Coal Company, Revisions to New Mining and Reclamation Plan for Ventilation and Access Shafts, Crandall Canyon

We have reviewed the subject plan and have no comment regarding the surface work.

We do see the need for these proposed shafts to provide the additional ventilation needed to allow the orderly and economic development of the coal reserves. Because of the limited ventilation, the mine management has been hard pressed to develop these coal reserves and maintain a mining cost that is not competitive. In order to start a needed development section it has been necessary to restrict or stop work in another critical development section.

The inability to timely accomplish the needed development could result in a continued high cost mining operation and the possible loss of coal reserves.

We urge the timely approval of the plan to prevent unnecessary delay of a project intended to improve working conditions for the miners, and to help turn a high cost mining operation to one more able to provide needed coal at a competitive cost. This improved access and increased ventilation will be necessary to obtain maximum economic recovery of the coal reserves.

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