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Mr. Cleon B. Feight, Director  
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Attention: James W. Smith, Jr.

Dear Cleon:

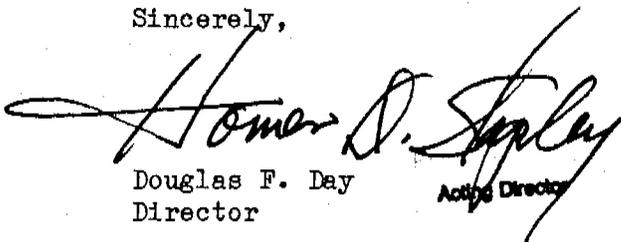
The Division has reviewed the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for Price River Coal Company's Price River Complex. The MRP is lacking in much of the needed information that was suggested by your office to the company on December 22, 1980, in the "Guidelines for Fish and Wildlife and Habitat Information Pursuant to UMC 783.20." In the Division's view, the raptor study is also deficient. We provided comment on that study to your office on December 5, 1980. The wildlife mitigation plan is substantially less than should be expected. Also, it is not definitive due to the use of descriptors, such as "should be," "could be" or "may be," rather than setting forth a precise prescriptive plan. It is also important to note that the permanent revegetation plan is vague and totally lacking in description.

The Division of Wildlife Resources provided, at the company's request on June 14, 1979, the wildlife information and wildlife mitigation plan we anticipated would be needed in an MRP. Upon review of the formal guidelines issued to the applicant in December 1980, our Price office provided the company with the necessary updated wildlife resource material and recommendations for an improved wildlife mitigation plan on March 17, 1981.

We feel the MRP needs to be substantially improved relative to the wildlife resource information and the wildlife mitigation plan. Our Price office earlier provided you with a carbon copy of our March 17, 1981 communication with the company. Incorporation of that material into the MRP along with an improved raptor survey report should result in the needed improvements.

Thank you for an opportunity to review this MRP.

Sincerely,

  
Douglas F. Day  
Director

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