

August 20, 1981

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Price River Coal Co.
Braztah Complex
ACT/007/004
Carbon County, Utah

On August 14, 1981, Susan Linner, Mary Ann Wright and Lynn Kunzler visited the Braztah Complex in Helper, Utah. We met with Craig Kling of Mariah Associates, consultants for Price River Coal Company.

The purpose of this trip was to discuss sampling methodologies with Mr. King and to give approval of the reference areas (RA's) he had selected for the different vegetation types. The RA's for the different minesites in the complex are summarized as follows:

1. Spring Hollow Area--pre-Law disturbance--the RA is to be located above the present disturbance in the mixed brush type.
2. Preparation Plant Area--pre-Law disturbance--the mixed brush RA is located above the present disturbance, the riparian RA is located upriver from the disturbance.
3. Crandall Canyon Area--the riparian RA is located between Highway 6 and the surface facilities, the conifer RA is located on the north facing slope in the area of the water tanks.
4. Hardscrabble Canyon Area--the mixed brush RA and the grass-sage RA are located at the first fork in the canyon above the surface facilities.
5. Sowbelly Canyon Area--the RA's in Hardscrabble Canyon will be used as the standards for this area as well.

Craig Kling accompanied the Division staff on a tour of these areas.

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cc: OSM

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Statistics:

Vehicle: #EX 70237--260 miles
Grant: A & E