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Price River Resource Area
P. O. Drawer AB
Price, Utah 84501

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Mr. Dave Miller
Chief Engineer
Castle Gate Coal Company
P. O. Box 449
Helper, Utah 84526

Dear Mr. Miller:

Your proposal for minor modification of the No. 3 Mine approved mine plan, received by this office May 19, 1987, has been reviewed.

The adverse ground conditions created in the No. 3 Mine 8th East headgate by the preceding mine operator in April 1980 are well known and documented by this office. It is agreed that the risks and expense involved with stabilizing and mining the panel beyond Point 1 are too great, and risk the recovery of the 8th East panel as well.

This minor modification is therefore approved as proposed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeff Clawson at 637-4584.

Sincerely yours,

MARK E. BAILEY

Area Manager

Enclosure:
Castle Gate Proposalcc:
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MINOR MODIFICATION TO
MINING PLAN APPROVED BY
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

May 15, 1987

Recommended By:

Jeff Clawson 6/8/87
Mining Engineer (Date)

Approved By:

Mark E. Bailey 6/8/87
Area Manager (Date)

Mr. Mark Bailey
Area Manager
Bureau of Land Management
900 North 700 East
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Bailey:

In April 1980, a surveying error was discovered in the belt entry of the 8th East longwall development No. 3 Mine, which pulled the development to the north.

A detailed plan was developed to slab the south rib and install a system of roof supports that would allow the longwall to retreat past the affected area. During the slabbing project too much coal was removed and the entry collapsed. Clean up work continued in this area until mid-July 1980, when development started again and continued to the edge of the reserve in November, 1981.

The cave area in 8th East is an area of adverse roof conditions. From July 1980 until January 1987 it has been necessary to go back on different occasions to re-bolt the area and fill the entry with cribs, timbers and steel beams.

In order to mine the coal inby the cave area in 8th East, Castle Gate Coal Company has started a program to support the 350' long area and provide for a conveyor and escape route. This project will cost approximately \$116,000.00 and will provide for the recovery of 455,000 tons of coal inby point 1 (See attached drawing). There is an additional 675,000 tons of coal in the 9th East longwall panel which depends on the stability of 8th East as a tailgate.

Estimates of the additional monies required to support the area in 8th East to attempt extraction of the reserves outby point 1 are in the area of \$250,000.00, plus the potential risk to the \$10,000,000.00 longwall machine and the priceless safety of the employees.

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Mr. Mark Bailey
May 15, 1987
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After evaluating the situation, Castle Gate Coal Company does not feel it can economically or safely extract the reserves (135,000 tons) outby point 1 in 8th East, and requests permission to abandon the panel at point 1.

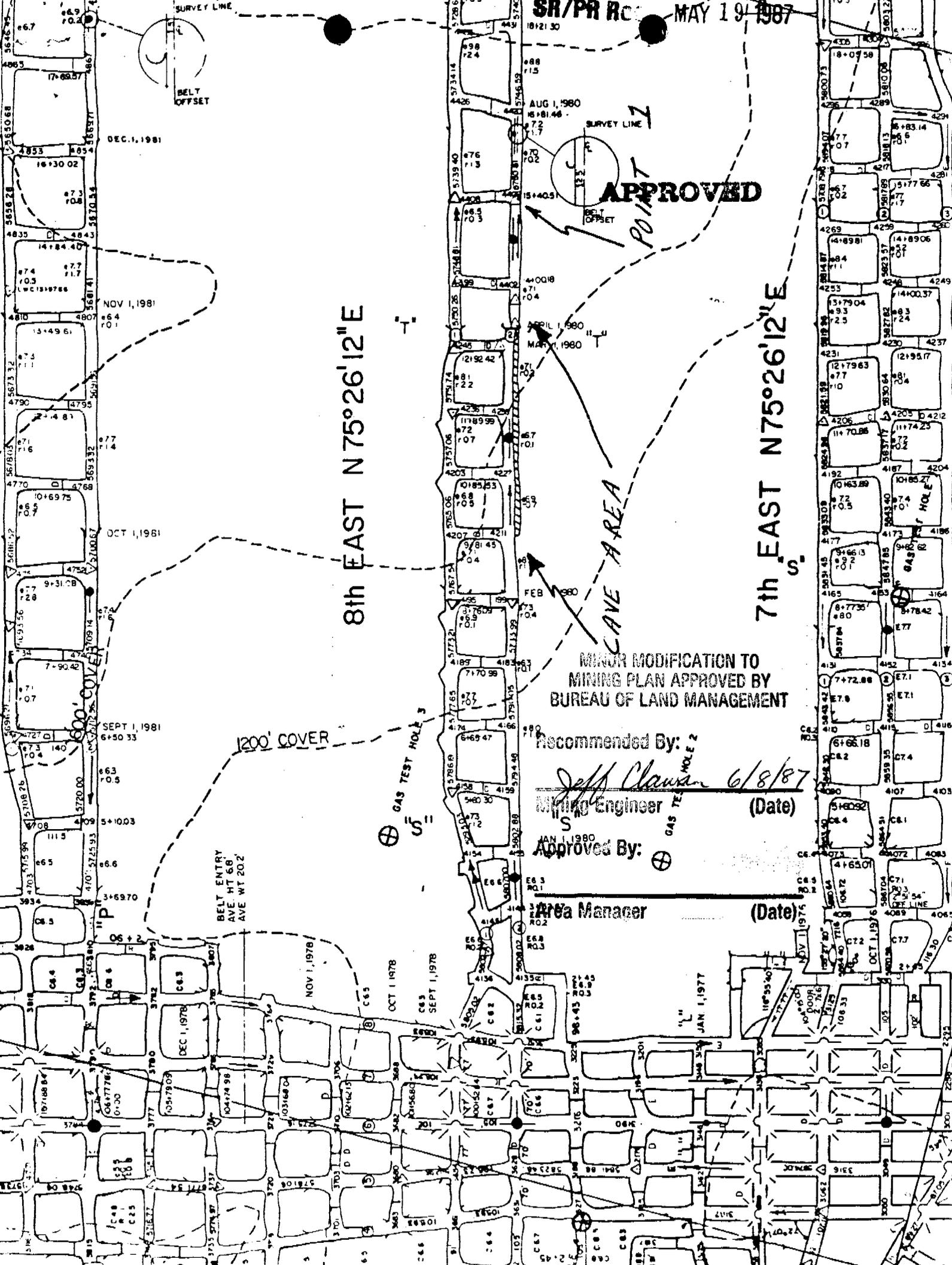
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laine Adair".

Laine Adair

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8th EAST N75°26'12"E

7th EAST N75°26'12"E

APPROVED

POINT

MINOR MODIFICATION TO MINING PLAN APPROVED BY BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Recommended By: *Jeff Clausen* 6/8/87
Mining Engineer (Date)

Approved By: _____ (Date)
Area Manager

1200' COVER

BELT ENTRY AVE HT 68' AVE WT 20.2'

GAS TEST HOLE 3

GAS TEST HOLE 2

