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Dear Lowell:

RE: Amended Plans for PAP Amendment for South Fork Breakout, Utah Fuel Company, Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005-88(B), Folder No. 2, Carbon County, Utah

We have reviewed the subject materials and are presently conducting an environmental analysis of the proposal. The environmental analysis and the Forest Service consent/non-consent decision and required mitigation measures will be documented in the Forest Service Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice which will be sent to your office when completed. We anticipate completion of this document by October 1, 1988.

Our review of the submitted materials was generally for completeness. We have the following comments:

1. Coastal States Energy Co. and Valley Camp of Utah have, together, been monitoring eight stations in the South Fork of Eccles Creek since 1979. The Forest Service monitored the South Fork at the Forest boundary from 1977 to 1980. These stations should be used to monitor the effects of the proposed breakout.

2. Samples should be collected daily rather than weekly as proposed during the construction period (estimated to be about 2 weeks). Sampling should be done above and below the construction activity. State requirements for monitoring sediment and for preventing sediment increase in the creek must be followed as set out in the State of Utah Division of Water Rights Permit.

3. A substantial amount of coal is proposed to be hauled out through South Fork from the breakout. The Forest Service interdisciplinary team estimated that 300 truck loads would be necessary after consulting with Coastal States Energy Co. The road surface and width will need to be adequately designed to accomodate this traffic and minimize the damage to the road surface and amount of sediment which will be generated and

introduced into the creek. The plan must discuss the amount of coal which will be hauled out from the breakout, the type of trucks which will haul the coal, the number of haul trips and must discuss the proposed measures to be taken to protect the road surface during hauling and to control drainage and sediment on the road during hauling and construction.

4. Page 3-64a - The estimates of the disturbed area should include the acreage of the existing road which will be reopened. This road will be improved for the project.

4. Page 4-26a - Soil stockpiles must be revegetated and mulched to prevent erosion until final reclamation.

5. Page 4-90 - Riprap must not include fines which will add sediment to the creek. The range of size of riprap to be used should be stated rather than just stating that a full gradation of material with a maximum size will be used.

If you have any question on our comments, please contact the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah. Please send us a copy of the Division's and other agency comments received in regard to the breakout.

Sincerely,

for
GEORGE A. MORRIS