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Date: August 8, 2000

Mark Bunnell
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
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Dear Mark:

We received your letter, dated August 7, requesting an exemption to the Stage II Fire Restriction Order regarding coal exploration drilling being conducted by Canyon Fuel in the Upper Huntington Canyon/Flat Canyon area under Coal Exploration License UTU-76864.

Your request for an exemption from the 1:00 PM to 1:00 AM prohibitions of the Stage II Fire Restriction Order (Items 3, 4, and 5) are herein granted for that portion of the Manti-La Sal National Forest addressed in your Coal Exploration License subject to the following conditions:

- A water tank, containing a minimum of 125 gallons of water, with pump and 100-foot hose line must be positioned within 100 feet of any welding or cutting activities.
- A lookout, familiar with operations of the pump and hose line must be posted in the immediate vicinity of any welding or cutting activities and dedicated to watch for fire ignitions.
- A mobile water tank, containing a minimum of 500 gallons of water, with 200-foot hose line must be located within 500 feet of any type of machine that is powered by an internal combustion engine and any motor vehicles (including heavy equipment) being operated off Forest Roads.
- All work areas must be inspected 1 hour after the end of authorized activities each day to ensure no ignitions have occurred.

All other items of the Forest Service State II Fire Restrictions Order remain in full force and effect.

The fire prevention and suppression measures you have committed to in your letter generally meet the conditions for exemption, however your operations must include an inspection of areas of operation 1 hour after completion, as described above.

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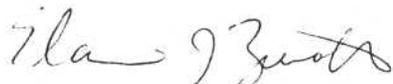
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If any additional fire restrictions are imposed due to the current extreme fire danger, you will be contacted immediately. We appreciate your cooperation on this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



ELAINE J. ZIEROTH
Forest Supervisor

cc: D-2/3 (Crocket Dumas)
Dick Manus, BLM Price Field Office
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