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Subject: Request for Consent to Postmining Land Use/Any Special Requirement Necessary to Protect Noncoal Resources/Concur with Mining Plan for Full Extraction Mining, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine, C/007/0005, Task ID #2324, Outgoing File

Dear Ms. Carlton:

Enclosed is the next material to be reviewed by the Forest Service for the full extraction mining at the Skyline Mine. As outlined in Utah-Federal Cooperative Agreement, 30 CFR 944.30 Article VI, (C (1), DOGM will assume the responsibilities listed in 30 CFR 740.4 (c) (1), (2), (3), (4), (6), and (7). According to 30 CFR 740.4(c)(2), DOGM must obtain the consent, which in this case is necessary, of the federal land management agency (Manti La Sal National Forest) with respect to the postmining land use and any special requirements necessary to protect non-coal resources of the area affected by surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

The Office of Surface Mining (OSM) must consult and obtain the concurrence of the federal land management agency for a mining plan modification. For this permitting action, we need the Forest Service to concur in the terms of the mining plan approval (30 CFR 740.4 (e) (4)).

Please furnish your findings or your need for additional information to DOGM by October 14, 2005, which is the timeframe prescribed in 30 CFR 944.30 Article VI, (C)(2).

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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