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Dana:

We have reviewed this latest transmittal, received Sep 10, 2007, from Skyline Mine. The waste rock pile is located off the Forest, so there will be no impacts to National Forest System lands. However, there are waste rock piles located on the Forest for other mines. I think we need to look into evaluating the short term, high intensity rain events (summer thundersstorms) rather than the 24-hour events. I understand that the regulations require the analysis of the 24-hour events, but it is the short, intense thunderstorms that cause the impacts here in Utah. Wouldn't it be possible to use a short term event and still be "as stringent" as the Federal regulations that were written for eastern coal mines? Also, is a 10-year event appropriate for a feature that may be in place for 30 or 40 years? Please consider that these are comments from a geologist, not a hydrologist.

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