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# TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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August 19, 2010

TO: File *WRH*

THRU: Priscilla Burton, Lead *PB by SRS*

FROM: Ingrid Campbell, Environmental Scientist *WC*

RE: Winter Quarters Access Road, Canyon Fuel Company, Skyline Mine, Permit # C/007/0005 and Task ID #3597

**SUMMARY:**

On July 27, 2010 the Division received an application from Canyon Fuel Company for the Winter Quarters access road. Canyon Fuel Company proposes to upgrade the access road for the winter quarter's ventilation facility. A miscommunication between the land owner and CFC prevented CFC from including the road upgrade in the Winter Quarters ventilation facility application. CFC included a cultural resource report which involves the Winter Quarters Townsite, a site that has already been assessed and communicated with the State Historic Preservation Officer in amendment 3549.

This memo will address the Land Use Regulations pertaining to Cultural and historic Resources, R645-301-411.140.

This application is recommended for approval.

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**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:**

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INFORMATION**

Regulatory Reference: Pub. L 95-87 Sections 507(b), 508(a), and 516(b); 30 CFR 783., et. al.

**HISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCE INFORMATION**

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 783.12; R645-301-411.

**Analysis:**

The application includes a Cultural Resource Evaluation of the Proposed road improvements in Winter Quarters Canyon. This report analyzes the effects of the road improvements on the eligible site 42CB268, Winter Quarters Townsite. The report also shows how the road improvements will be adjusted so as to avoid any disturbance to the features located within the townsite. The report concludes that as long as the adjustments are followed, there will be no adverse affect on the townsite.

The Winter Quarters Townsite was evaluated in the report associated with the winter quarter's ventilation facility amendment. The entire townsite and features were mapped using GPS equipment and a mitigation plan was developed in coordination with the Utah SHPO. Additionally, an MOU was developed between the Division, CFC and SHPO that addressed the responsibilities of all parties regarding the protection of the winter quarters townsite. (See 2010 Incoming 07292010.pdf). This MOU includes all activities associated with the winter quarters ventilation facility and all impacts associated with the winter quarters townsite.

**Findings:**

The information provided is considered adequate to meet the minimum regulatory requirements for this section.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This application is recommended for approval.