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Wess Sorensen, Mine Manager  
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC  
HC 35 Box 380  
Helper, Utah 84526

Subject: CIR Monitoring Reduction, Canyon Fuel Company, Skyline Mine, C/007/0005, Task #4096

Dear Mr. Sorenson:

The Division has reviewed the proposed change in vegetation. This application is not recommended for approval at this time. Page 4-101, section 4.17.8 of the MRP explains that CIR monitoring will occur in the North Lease Area to identify impacts to renewable resources from undermining. This is contradictory from the amended paragraph on page 4-99. CFC must remove this commitment for the North Lease area and explain what methods they will use in the North Lease area to describe the anticipated impacts on renewable resource lands and how these impacts will be mitigated.

Prior to approval the permittee must provide the following in accordance with:

**R645-301-332:** CFC must remove the contradictory commitment for CIR monitoring in the North Lease area and explain what alternative methods they will use in the North Lease area to describe how anticipated impacts to renewable resources will be identified and mitigated.

The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application.

If you have any questions, please call Priscilla Burton at (435) 613-3733 or me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock  
Coal Program Manager

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cc: Price Field Office  
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