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Mr. Daron R. Haddock
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RE: Raptor Monitoring Modification, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine, C/007/005,

Dear Daron:

Attached to this letter are completed C1 and C2 forms that outline modifications to the Skyline Mine M&RP Chapter 4, Section 4.18 addressing modifications to the Skyline Mine annual raptor monitoring survey. The information being submitted was coordinated through Ms. Lisa Reinhart per her request. Ms. Reinhart conducted an exhaustive and throughout research of this item, and the request is based on coordination with both Skyline's consulting wildlife biologist and the USFS biologist.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please give me a call at (435) 448-2636.

Sincerely,



Gregg A. Galecki
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC.
Environmental Engineer – Skyline Mines

APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Exploration Bond Release Transfer

Permittee: Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

Mine: Skyline Mine

Permit Number: C/007/005

Title: Raptor Survey Modification

Description, Include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Modification to Annual Raptor Survey to include 2-years of monitoring.

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions, this application may require Public Notice publication.

- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: ___ Disturbed Area: _____ increase decrease.
- Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# _____
- Yes No 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
- Yes No 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
- Yes No 5. Does the application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
- Yes No 6. Does the application require or include public notice publication?
- Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
- Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
- Yes No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
- Yes No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies?
Explain: _____
- Yes No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
- Yes No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2)
- Yes No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
- Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
- Yes No 15. Does the application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
- Yes No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
- Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
- Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
- Yes No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps or calculation?
- Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
- Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided?
- Yes No 22. Does the application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
- Yes No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Information submitted electronically in Adobe Acrobat .pdf format. (This number includes a copy for the Price Field Office.)

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

Carl W. Winters
Print Name

Carl W. Winters 3/3/15
Sign Name, Position, Date
General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3RD day of MARCH, 2015

Kathleen Atwood
Notary Public

My commission Expires: 12-02, 2015

Attest: State of Utah) ss:
County of Carbon



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If necessary, a wire fence will be erected and maintained around the perimeter of the portal area or portions thereof to protect grazing stock and wildlife. The fence design will be submitted to the regulatory authority prior to construction. Other ventilation shafts and structures will be similarly fenced, covered or otherwise protected if required. While the ponds contain no toxic-forming materials, the Permittee agrees to exclude wildlife from such ponds should it become necessary. No persistent pesticides will be used unless approved by the regulatory authority as part of a reclamation management plan.

The Permittee also agrees to participate in the prevention, suppression, and control of forest, range, and coal fires, even though these fires may not be part of an approved management plan. The Permittee on occasion conducts a conservation training program for mine employees. This program conducted by personnel of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has been included as part of the routine mine training schedule.

On an annual basis, raptor data will be updated in the late spring/early summer (dependent on weather conditions) during a walk-through of those areas to be subsided both in the coming current calendar year and the subsequent year. These walk-through surveys will be conducted in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources US Forest Service personnel. A nest survey will be conducted following the protocol established in Raptor Management Techniques Manual, Chapter Four, Raptor Survey Techniques, pages 49 through 50 (Pendelton, 1987). "Northern Goshawk Inventory and Monitoring Tech Guide". A systematic survey will be conducted of the areas to be subsided by first establishing parallel transects based upon 1) footprint of the proposed underground mining; 2) the designated range/coverage of each call-station; and 3) the width of the visibility limits imposed by the vegetation and terrain. The observer(s) will walk these transects and mark nest locations on an appropriate scale map. The location may also be noted using a hand held GPS where possible and appropriate. Comments as to the state of the nest, i.e.; type, occupied, dilapidated, abandoned, etc., will be recorded in a field notebook. A map illustrating the location of nests found will be distributed to the appropriate agencies as soon as it becomes available. If a walking transect is not feasible for an area to be subsided, other survey methods may be employed in accordance with accepted DWR and USFW practices and protocols.

Should any nests be identified, they will be carefully monitored for subsidence related damage during the nesting season. Damaged nests will be replaced immediately with an artificial structure again involving DWR personnel (Personal communication, Keith Welch, Utah Fuel Company, and Bill Baker, DWR, September 1, 1992). Mitigation for damaged nests will be assessed on an individual bases and coordinated through Skyline, DOGM, and the USFS.

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