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In Reply Refer To:
3482 (UTG023)
U-044076

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
c/o Ark Land Company
Attn: Paul Jensen
HC 35 Box 380
Helper, Utah 84526

Re: Approval of Minor Coal Exploration Plan on Federal Coal Lease U-044076; Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Jensen:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Price Field Office (PFO) received a packet of information from you dated June 12, 2015, which included a plan of operations detailing your procedures to explore for coal on Federal Coal Lease U-044076. The lease is held by Canyon Fuel Company, a subsidiary of Bowie Resource Holdings, LLC.

The proposal requests drilling one exploration hole, on lease, to further evaluate the federal coal reserves present. It states that access to the staging areas would be by Forest System roads, and access to the drill sites would be by foot, horse, or helicopter. Moreover, drilling would be helicopter-assisted wireline core drilling; thus no roads would be created and disturbance would be minimal. A copy of the approved exploration plan is attached.

An Environmental Assessment (UT-923-06-005) was conducted in 2006 for a similar exploration plan on lease UTU-67939, and a Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record were signed approving the plan. The PFO has reviewed your proposal, compared it to the aforementioned National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents, and found it comparable in scope and its conclusions. This review is documented in a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) DOI-BLM-UT-G020-2015-0054-DNA. No additional issues requiring analysis or mitigation were identified in the review.

The Manti-La Sal National Forest has concurred with BLM's acceptance of this plan, subject to the terms and conditions of the attached stipulations. Therefore, the BLM approves the requested exploration plan for UTU-044076, subject to the terms and conditions of the lease and the attached stipulations.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4, and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chris Conrad at 435-636-3612 or cconrad@blm.gov

Sincerely,



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Field Manager

Enclosures

cc: Steve Rigby, Price Field Office

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