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0070005 Skyline Mine. Outgoing. Comments requested on Skyline Macroinvertebrate and Fish Monitoring Reduction- DOGM Task 4817

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Greetings,

On March 19, 2015, DOGM Coal Program received an application from Skyline Mine requesting the reduction of the macroinvertebrate and fish monitoring on Woods, Winter Quarters, and Eccles Creeks. As required in their approved Mining and Reclamation Plan, Skyline has committed to monitor "for a period determined by Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, DOGM, USFS, and the DWR, to be long enough to provide data to establish population trends." Therefore, we are requesting your review of said application so that we may incorporate your agencies comments into our review.

I have attached the full application to this email and have included a map with the monitoring locations. Please provide any information you think is pertinent to support or deny any comments or request you may have. In my opinion, the application provides a compelling argument that adequate data has been collected to determine a baseline and trends. In light of other water quality/quantity monitoring that will continue on the streams, any acute impacts to stream health should be discovered relatively quickly and macroinvertebrate and/or fish monitoring can be re-initiated if situations warrant.

Our due date for a response to the application is April 20, 2015. In that light, please send me your comments by COG April 15th so that I have adequate time to incorporate them into the findings. You may send your comments through email directly to me. Please refer to task 4817 in all future emails so that all correspondence is filed correctly with our system. If I do not receive comments from your agency, I will assume there are no objections to the application and will proceed accordingly.

All the detailed macroinvertebrate reports summarized in Appendix A are available upon request.

A field trip to visit the monitoring sites is tentatively scheduled for April 9th at 1:00 pm. You are welcome to join us. We will meet at the Skyline Mine main office parking lot. Please bring appropriate clothing and PPE.

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

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