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Howard Strand, Denver Field Branch Manager
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Subject: Phase III Reclamation Bond Release, South Fork Access Road, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine Permit Area, C/007/005.

Dear Mr. Strand:

The Office of Surface Mining informed the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that Canyon Fuel Company requested a Phase III bond release for 0.36 acres of the South Fork Breakout access road at the Skyline Mine and has asked the BLM for its concurrence to this action. This reclaimed road accessed the South Fork mine breakouts that serviced an area of the underground Skyline Mine. As this part of the mine has long been mined out, the use of the breakouts were no longer needed and were sealed and reclaimed in 2003. The portal seals met all requirements for protection of the underground coal resource. The reclaimed breakout is located on Federal coal but the surface is managed by the Forest Service. The bond release for the 0.36 acre surface area will not affect the administration of the leased coal resource. The BLM concurs with the action and has no objections to the bond release.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Steve Rigby at 435-636-3604.

Sincerely,

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