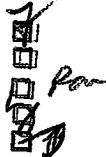


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Re: Plateau Mining Co.
Star Point Coal Mine
T. 15 S., R. 10 E.
Wattis Canyon
Carbon County, Utah

ACT-007-006

This operating underground mine was visited on August 31, 1976. Mr. Ernal Shaw, the Mine Safety Supervisor requested the visit in order to allow Ron Daniels and myself to submit suggestions on how he might complete his mined land reclamation plan.

The area presently under control by Plateau Mining contains facilities abandoned by the Lion Coal Co. who were the previous operators in the canyon. These facilities will be inventoried on a map by Plateau so that they will not be required to clean up the pre-existing mess.

Plateau is now producing from the Hiawatha Seam through the Star Point #1 and #2 portals high on the canyon slope southeast of the old town of Wattis.

Access to these portals is via a paved truck haulage road blasted into bedrock on the east slope of the canyon. From these portals a gravel road extends northwest to a large pad above the old Wattis mine. At this location a new portal is being opened to provide access to the Wattis Seam. Both roads are blasted into bedrock and may be impossible to reclaim but the county may be able to find long term use for them in servicing T.V. towers above the mine.

Plants observed in the area included Rabbit Bush, Russian Thistle, Indian Ricegrass, Western Wheatgrass, Cheatgrass, Utah Serviceberry, Pinion Pine, Juniper, Aspen, Douglas Fir and Sagebrush.

Ron Daniels suggested that Plateau Mining Co. include in its plan:

1. Eventual Closing of portals.
2. Ownership and facilities maps.
3. Alternate uses for pads and roads, if any.
4. Proper solid waste disposal facilities.
5. Previous facilities inventory map.
6. Trial plantings on various soil types of: Utah Serviceberry, Russian Wildrye, Rabbit Brush, European Sage, Smooth Brome grass, and Crested Wheatgrass.

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