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Mr. Floyd J. Tucker
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Dear Mr. Tucker:

To clarify my letter of October 31, 1980, Plateau Mining Company may extend their mining past the projected burn line (located on the approval map) when recoverable coal is encountered.

As further clarification, the extension is granted only under the conditions that: 1) Plateau, under the supervision of the U.S.G.S., follow the attached development plan; and 2) production from the Mud Water Lease not exceed 250,000 tons of coal prior to the applicant's receipt of permanent program approval.

Sincerely,

DONALD A. CRANE

Attachment

- cc: Moffitt, USGS, SLC (w/attach.)
- Trippe, USGS, Denver (w/attach.)
- Christensen, USDA, FS, Price (w/attach.)
- Smith, DOGM, SLC (w/attach.)

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DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL LEASE U-37045

(1Year; 250,000 Ton Production Limit)

I. DEVELOP NORTHWEST PANEL

- A. Mining will initially be concentrated in areas ①, ②, and ③ as indicated on the attached map.
- B. It is anticipated that burn will preclude extended development in these areas.
- C. When burn or the outcrop barrier is reached in directions ① and ③, retreat mining will commence. Pillars will be extracted to the "Pillar Retreat" line as indicated on the map.
- D. Using the projected burn as the limit on mining, there are 38,000 tons of recoverable coal in this area.
- E. Additional tonnage will be obtained if mining can advance beyond the projected burn line.

II. DEVELOP NORTH - NORTHEAST PANEL

- A. When pillar extraction is complete in the Northwest panel, advance mining will begin in the Northeast direction in the area designated ④ on the map.
- B. The direction of mining will change and head to the Northwest after approximately 1,600 feet of mining. This is area ⑤ on the map.
- C. The panel will again turn to the North (area ⑥) if burn is not encountered first. Once burn or the property line is reached, retreat mining would commence.
- D. The tonnage calculation for this area is based on the assumption that burn will be encountered before area ⑥ can be developed. In that case, the remainder of the 250,000 ton limit (212,000 tons) would allow Plateau Mining Company to mine to the projected burn line (177,000 tons) and begin retreat mining in area ⑧. The cut-off line is shown on the map.
- E. If Plateau can mine in areas ⑥ and ⑦, which is desirable, the mining limit line would then be placed farther to the north.

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