

April 22, 1981

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Plateau Mining Company
Starpoint Mine
ACT/007/006 oob
Carbon County, Utah

- 10/7/80 I made a brief site visit after 5:00 p.m., to see test plots, scheduled to be in place by this time. A conveyor was in place which had not been there at my last visit of October 1979.
- 10/8/80 Called Steve Rigby to ask about the conveyor. He stated that the conveyor work had begun winter 1978 and the steel fabrication and erection took place spring 1979. Concerning deer sighted near the conveyor, Mr. Ribgy stated that he had noticed deer milling around the conveyor once it was in place.
- 10/16/80 By prearrangement with Ben Grimes, visited the minesite to look over conveyor (see memo). Tried to prompt Mr. Grimes into taking action of planting cover up to the conveyor at certain draws and to provide dugways at these same places for deer crossings. Mr. Grimes as a civil engineer, described a design and method by which dugways could be provided and not cause drainage problems. I asked Mr. Grimes if it were possible to provide such conveyor crossings this fall before heavy deer movement began. He stated that equipment was tied up doing culvert work and that it was a severe constraint against doing work at the moment. I urged him to consider planning this work. In light of this, I asked to see a conveyor profile showing ground to conveyor clearance and a topographic map with the conveyor in place. Mr. Grimes could provide me with neither.
- Mr. Grimes further stated that DWR had been contacted prior to conveyor construction and that DWR had no problems with the structure in relation to big game movement, I asked to see the letter stating such. In checking with Mr. Grimes at a later date, the letter turned out to be nonexistent.
- 11/7/80 During a prearranged wildlife consultation, took USFWS representative along with Mr. Grimes and PMC's consultants to see conveyor. Concern for crossings under the conveyor was again expressed. At this time, Mr. Grimes did not indicate that any plans had been made to implement the plan discussed on October 16, 1980. The consultant was made aware that PMC should address the problem.
- 11/13/80 On a tour of conveyors in the State, took Mr. Don Henne, OSM, to the site and described the problem and the proposed method of changing the situation to him.

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