

January 5, 1981

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Plateau Mining Company
Starpoint Mine
ACT/007/006

A visit was made to this minesite on October 16, 1980, by Mary Ann Wright of the Division for the purpose of examining the conveyor belt which was erected during the past year. Concerns for deer movement across the canyon prompted the visit. Mr. Ben Grimes of Plateau Mining Company accompanied on the tour.

The conveyor is of a rigid design and was not yet in operation on this date. Electrical problems were causing delay. There are five draws which emerge into the main canyon close to the conveyor. The first draw from the top showed sign of a single deer track in the snow indicating that a deer crossed under at this point. The second draw showed signs of a deer trail on the downslope side of the conveyor. The vegetation is intact close to the conveyor at this second draw. No signs of deer were seen at the remaining three draws.

The possibility of increasing the ground to conveyor clearance from <three feet to about five feet in a few places was discussed with Mr. Grimes. He stated that bad weather and other compliance work tying up the crews were constraints against performing any such work this fall.

A series of pictures were taken.

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RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST

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Statistics:

Vehicle No. EX 68804--340 Miles
One person x two days @ \$37.50/day = \$75.00