

June 9, 1982

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Refuse Pile Expansion Modification
Plateau Mining Company
Starpoint Mines
ACT/007/006
Carbon County, Utah

On June 8, 1982, Lynn Kunzler and Mary Boucek met with Mel Coonrod of Plateau to discuss the refuse pile expansion modification and to conduct an on-site inspection of the area proposed to be used for subsoil stockpiling (B and C horizon stockpile). Rather than utilizing an existing reference area for the stockpile, which will affect a Pinyon-Juniper vegetation type (with concentrations of Salina wildrye in the draw), Mel Coonrod suggested setting up a separate reference area for the site. The Division and Plateau concurred and selected a reference area immediately north of the proposed affected area and delineated the R.A. with flagging. The reference area, approximately 1 to 1.5 acres in size, will be quantitatively sampled during July of this year and analyzed vegetation data will be submitted to the Division by the end of August, 1982.

An on site inspection of the 40 acre wildlife enhancement area was, also, conducted. Some sagebrush within the area has been disced and some pinyon-juniper has been cleared and piled up. A permanent water source utilizing small catchment basins is being established. Vegetative species to be planted in the enhancement area were discussed; the Division recommended the addition of Penstemon palmeri to the current list and recommended against the use of Kochia prostrata.

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Statistics: see Beaver Creek Coal Co.,
Wild Horse Ridge project memo for statistics