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Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Re: Permanent Access Road to Subsoil Sediment Basin

Dear Wayne:

We are in receipt of your letter dated October 12, 1983, and offer the following answers to your questions contained therein:

1. In the event subsoil must be removed from the sediment basin, a rubber tired backhoe will remove the material from the basin. The subsoil will then be hauled up the road using a four wheel drive tractor equipped with a front bucket. This type of tractor can easily handle the 28% grade. If necessary, we also have available an Eimco 935 scoop which could easily manage the grade. The subsoil material will then be placed on the pile in the upper area and used to fill in any rilles or gullies.
2. Since the reworked pile has been seeded, we would immediately seed the new disturbance for the access road if disturbed this year. If the road is constructed in the future, we would seed the new disturbance the first available season.
3. The reworked pile was seeded and mulch applied at the rate of 2,000 lbs. per acre (Conwed 2000) containing Terra Tack at a rate of 120 lbs. per acre. This application provides good wind erosion protection.

It has been our experience, that the application of the above mentioned treatment, stays in-place for 2 to 3 years and would give vegetation a chance to establish itself.

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It is our preference to have approval of the plan now, but to wait until cleaning of the sediment basin is necessary to construct the road. This would prevent additional disturbance in the event cleaning of the basin is unnecessary.

The benches as constructed contain runoff and subsoil preventing it from going into the basin; so there is a good possibility the basin may never have to be cleaned.

We need to take care of a few erosion problems on the existing part of the proposed access road, but are awaiting your approval to make any additional disturbance. Advise as soon as you have come to a decision.

If you have any questions, please call.

Best regards,



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Environmental Coordinator

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