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TO: Coal File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Biologist *Lynn*

RE: Abatement Plan for CO # 84-4-3-1, Reclamation of
Exploration Road, Plateau Mining Co., Starpoint mines,
ACT/007/006, Folder #3, Carbon Co. Utah

On May 9, 1985, Lynn Kunzler and Ben Grimes of PMC visited the above referenced site. The purpose of the visit was to determine the need for a condition for interim stabilization on the approval since reclamation, as per the plans submitted September 28, 1984, was scheduled for the fall of 1985.

Findings:

The exploration road had been reclaimed during the fall of 1984. Mr. Grimes stated that the Railroad determined they would not need the road in the future (as discussed in the September 28 plan), thus PMC reclaimed the site while conditions were favorable.

The road had been recontoured to what appeared to be AOC and had been hydroseeded and hydromulched. It was apparent that several species were emerging although it was too early for exact identification. However, there were a few small areas that were apparently bare that may need to be reseeded this fall. Large boulders and snags had been scattered over the a major portion of the site. Also, the site appeared to be stable with no significant signs of erosion, even on the steeper slopes.

While this visit was conducted as part of the review process, Mr. Grimes stated that he was quite sure he had recieved approval for the plans last fall. A subsequent search of the file upon return to the office revealed a BLM approval letter dated October 19, 1984 addressed to Dianne R. Nielson which stated that the work would be done immediately and that BLM would monitor the project. A DOGM approval letter could not be found. This was later confirmed by Mr. Grimes over the phone.

cc: Ben Grimes
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