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Reply to: 2820

Date: May 3, 1988

Lowell Braxton
Attention: John Whitehead
State of Utah Natural Resources
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Dear Lowell:

We have reviewed Plateau Mining Company, Updates to Mine Plan, Response to USFS Five-Year Renewal Concerns, Star Point Mine ACT/007/006, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah.

The corrections to maps 38 and 39, sheets 5 and 6, have been made regarding soil unit JCG2 in the disturbed area. The corrections for soil units 560 and 33 (Forest Service letter to Plateau Mining Company dated January 20, 1988) have not been made. Since these units are in the undisturbed area, there is no urgency in making these corrections. They should, however, be made at some time which is convenient for the operator.

We agree that the revised PAP text, page 784-26a and Table 69, adequately discuss reclamation of the Corner Canyon breakout. Table 68, however, is not accurate and should be corrected at some time in the future when other revisions become necessary.

The two trespass breakouts in a side drainage to Mud Water Canyon have not been addressed in any of the maps, tables, or the narrative. Table A in Exhibit 36 addresses five portals. There are seven portals in this area, including the two trespass breakouts. Map 67 shows only the five portals at the fan deck. The two trespass breakouts are not shown. The Forest Service is concerned that there is no mention of the two trespass breakouts and, therefore, no commitment in the PAP for reclamation of these breakouts. They were not formally permitted and bonded, but are disturbed areas associated with the Star Point Mine and, therefore, must be reclaimed.

We agree with Plateau Mining Company that the corrections regarding the soil units and the Corner Canyon breakouts are incidental and can be made at some time when other corrections are made. We feel, however, that the trespass breakouts in Mud Water Canyon must be addressed as existing facilities and that a commitment for their reclamation must be made in the PAP.

In addition, the Forest boundary is not correctly shown on the PAP maps. The maps should be corrected as other revisions to the maps are made and submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. A. Morris".

for
GEORGE A. MORRIS
Forest Supervisor