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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Associate Director

FROM: Rick P. Summers, Reclamation Hydrologist *RS*

RE: Meeting with Ben Grimes on Precipitation Distribution Research, May 8, 1989, Plateau Coal Company, Starpoint Mine

The Division staff hydrologists met briefly with Mr. Ben Grimes on Monday May 8, 1989. Mr. Grimes requested the meeting to discuss interest in the potential research on precipitation distribution patterns in the Utah coal fields. He expressed a high degree of interest in the project and proposed to offer Plateau Mining resources on the project as follows:

1. Plateau Mining Company would contribute \$5000.00 to the project at this time.
2. Plateau Mining Company will provide instrumentation for data collection at the Starpoint Mine.
3. Plateau Mining Company will provide some manpower to assist in data collection for a limited area in the Starpoint Mine area. This would include instrument maintenance, chart changing, collection of samples, and data reduction.
4. Plateau Mining Company would be interested in assisting the project if the scope was broadened to include measurement of sediment loading to current sedimentation ponds.

In return, Plateau Mining Company would like input to the study and access to the data collected.

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Mr. Lowell P. Braxton
Precipitation Distribution Research

Recognizing the level of interest we've gotten on the project to date from the coal community, consultant groups, and the University community, we may wish to consider establishing a small work group to coordinate the project. The Division would still be the ultimate decision authority on project direction, but the input would be invaluable from varied interests. The group would give the project and potential conclusions more credibility and acceptability to all parties.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

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