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Lowell Braxton
Utah Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Dear Lowell:

The Manti-La Sal National Forest is currently evaluating an application filed by Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (Cyprus) with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to modify their existing Federal Coal Lease UTU-64263 by adding 60 acres of adjacent unleased lands. The proposed 60 acre tract lies just east of Wild Cattle Hollow on Gentry Mountain about 17 air miles WSW of Price in Emery County, Utah. The surface of the subject lands are managed by the Price Ranger District of the Manti-La Sal National Forest. The lands have been determined to be suitable for leasing pursuant to the Forest's Land Management Plan.

The lease modification would allow Cyprus to mine an additional 864,000 tons of in-place coal that would otherwise be bypassed and irretrievably lost. No surface facilities are planned for the subject lands, as Cyprus would utilize existing portal facilities associated with the Star Point Mines.

Please review the attached scoping document and map. Further information can be obtained from this office at the above address or by calling (801) 637-2817. Public comments on the proposal will be accepted at this office until December 1, 1992.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Jankiewicz
CHARLES J. JANKIEWICZ
Price District Ranger

enclosure

MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST
PROJECT SCOPING DOCUMENT

DATE: 11/19/92

DISTRICT NAME: PRICE

FILE CODE: 2820

1. PROJECT NAME: Modification to Federal Coal Lease UTU-64236 (CVR)
2. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Gray Reynolds, Regional Forester
3. PROPOSAL: Cyprus-Plateau Mining Corporation (Cyprus) has submitted an application to the BLM to modify Federal Coal Lease UTU-64236 by approximately 60 acres to allow mining of approximately 864,000 tons of in-place Federal coal reserves which would be bypassed. Cyprus projects mining in the area of the modification to occur in January of 1993. The subject modification area is located about 17 miles WSW of Price on Gentry Ridge in Emery county, Utah (see attached map).
4. TIERING AND REFERENCING OPPORTUNITIES: Manti-La Sal National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and FEIS, 1986; EA, FONSI/DN Coal Lease modification UTU-64263, 5/91; EA, FONSI/DN Coal Lease Application UTU-64236 (CVR), 7/89; EA for Modification of Federal Coal Lease U-13097, 8/83; EA Readjustment of Federal Coal Lease SL-031286, 6/83; EA Modification of Federal Coal Lease SL-031286, 9/82; Tract Delineation Review Report, Leasing By Application UTU-64263, 2/89; Situation Statement, Castle Valley Ridge Tract, 3/80; EA Proposed Coal Exploration Drilling, CVR and Gentry Mountain, Getty Mineral Resources Company, 9/81; Site-specific Analysis, Castle Valley Ridge Proposed Coal Lease Tract, 5/82; Lindskov, K.L., 1986, Potential Effects of Anticipated Coal Mining on Salinity of the Price, San Rafael, and Green Rivers, Utah, U.S. Geological Survey, Water-Resources Investigations Report 86-4019; Seiler, R.L. and Baskin, R.L., 1988, Hydrology of Alkalai and Castle Valley Ridge Coal Lease Tracts, Central Utah, and Potential Effects of Coal Mining, U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 87-4186; Star Point Mines, Mining and Reclamation Plan, Plateau Mining Company, 9/86.
5. OTHER AGENCIES OR PUBLICS INVOLVED: BLM (Approving and Cooperating Agency) and OSM (Cooperating Agency). News releases regarding this modification will be submitted to the Sun Advocate and the Emery County Progress. Letters will be sent to identified interested publics inviting comments on the proposal.
6. EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT: Effects to the environment would not occur as a result of issuance of the modification, but could result from mining-induced subsidence as described in the analysis in the EA for the Castle Valley Ridge Coal Lease Tract UTU-64263.
7. ISSUES: a) Public issues - none have been identified to date. b) The Forest Service Interdisciplinary Team evaluated the proposal and identified the same issues described in the EA for the CVR Coal Lease Tract which are area resources such as visuals, surface and ground water, soils, land uses, vegetation, wildlife, and livestock. 1. Subsidence caused by underground mining could adversely affect surface and ground water, visual resources, land uses, soils, vegetation, wildlife, and livestock. No new issues have been identified for this proposal.

- 8. SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES: 1) No Action - waive the right to recommend approval to modify Federal Coal Lease UTU-64263. 2) Proposed Action - recommend that the modification be approved with the application of Forest Service Special Stipulations from Appendix B of the Forest Plan.
- 9. ANALYSIS AND DECISION CRITERIA: The analysis for this proposal is adequately documented in the EA for the Castle Valley Ridge Coal Lease TRact (UTU-64263). Management decisions and guidelines as defined in the Forest Plan and FEIS identify the decision criteria.

10. ANALYSIS SKILLS:

SPECIALTY	SPECIALIST	ROLE (team leader, team member consultant, other)
Geology	Jeff Defreest	Team Leader
District Ranger	Charles Jankiewicz	Team Member
Hydrology	Dennis Kelly	Consultant
T&E/Wildlife	Rod Player	Consultant
OSM Representative	Floyd McMullen	Consultant
Geology	Walt Nowak	Consultant

11. SCHEDULE:

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| a. Functional Status Report: | ___/___/___ | f. Review Draft Meeting | ___/___/___ |
| b. Initial Meeting: | 11/16/92 | g. EA Final: | 07/13/89 |
| c. Field Review: | ___/___/___ | h. DFR Decision Notice: | ___/___/___ |
| d. ID team Meeting: | 11/16/92 | i. R.O. Decision | 12/___/92 |
| e. ID team Review S.D.: | 12/01/92 | j. Project Implementation: | 01/___/93 |

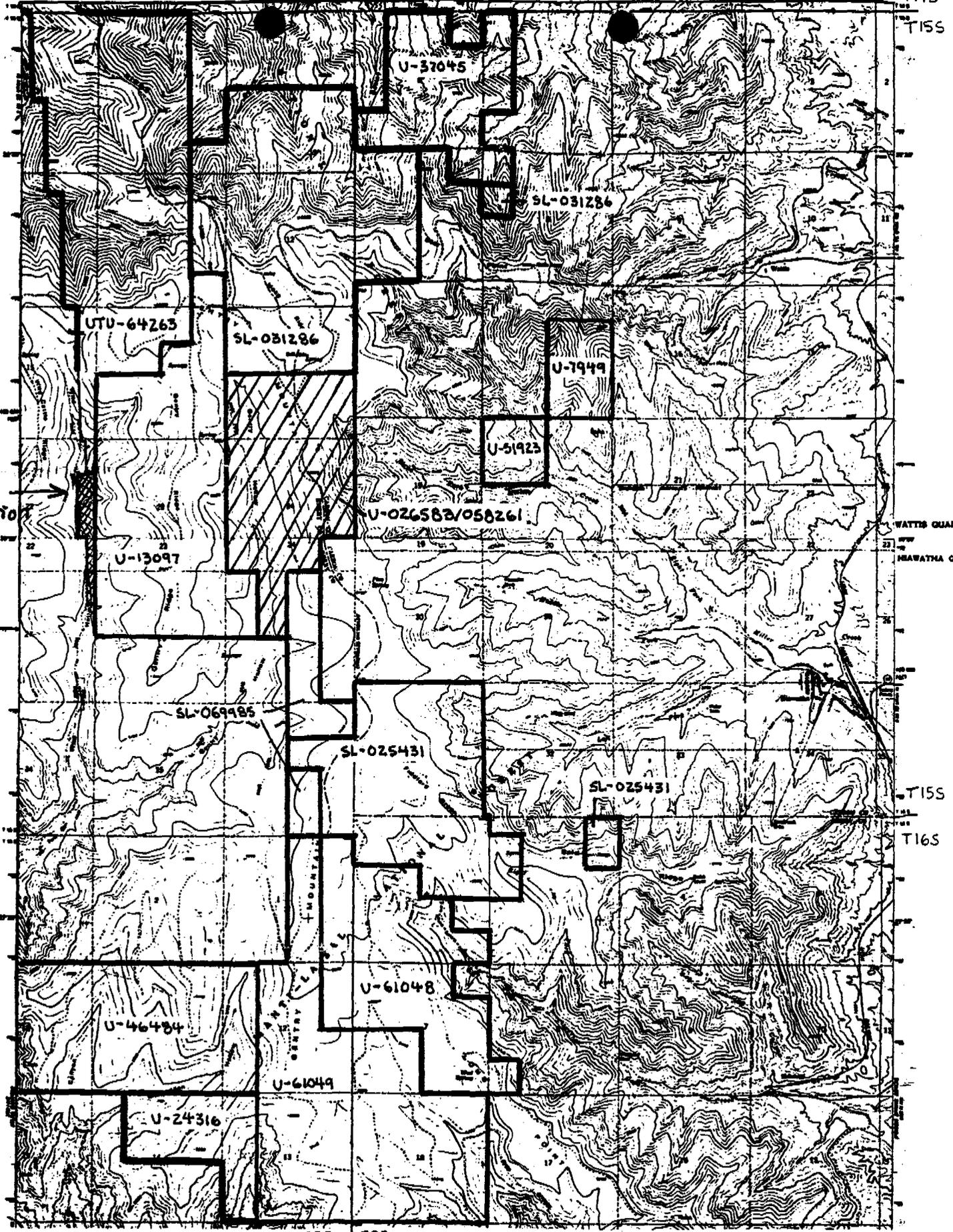
12. PROPOSED LEVEL OF ANALYSIS:

- Requires minimal assessment:
- Requires further assessment:
- Requires no further assessment:
- Categorical Exclusion:

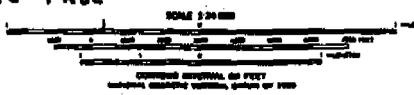
Chris Johnson
 District Ranger

11/18/92
 Date

Proposed
lease
modification



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Primary Highway Light-duty road, hard or
 heavy surface
 Secondary Highway
 Road surface
 Unimproved Road
 Intersecting Road U.S. Route U.S. State Road



Proposed modification
to UTU-64263

Fig. 2 - Location of Federal Coal Lease UTU-64263

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- ADJACENT NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY
- MAIN UTAH HIGHWAY
- GOOD MOTOR ROAD
- POOR MOTOR ROAD
- RAIL
- RAILROAD
- TELEPHONE LINE
- SUPERVISOR'S HEADQUARTERS
- DISTRICT HANDED STATION
- GUARD OR HANDED STATION NOT PERMANENTLY OCCUPIED
- TRANSMISSION STATION
- FOREST SERVICE BOWSPHERE
- HOUSE, CABIN OR OTHER BUILDING
- MINE OR QUARRY
- ELECTRIC POWER STATION

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