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RE: Addition of Federal Coal Lease UTU-64263, Star Point Mine, Cyprus-Plateau Mining Corporation, ACT/007/006, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

We have reviewed the updated information on the proposed incidental boundary change (IBC) which also includes updated information in regard to the addition of the remainder (not within the IBC) of Federal Coal Lease UTU-64263 to the permit area.

This letter includes comments on the 10/13/93 updated information in regard to the remainder of the lease, not included within the IBC. We commented on the updated information (10/13/93) in regard to the IBC in our November 8, 1993 letter.

Cyprus-Plateau Mining Corporation has adequately addressed our comments in regard to addition of the lease identified in our previous responses with the exception of the following points:

727. Alternative Water Source Information, Page 700-61 (Included in IBC Comments)

The last paragraph of this section states that CPMC will examine the position of the water source that has been impacted and determine which of the above alternatives or combination of alternatives could be most cost effectively implemented to mitigate the impact that has occurred.

To be consistent with lease stipulations, another sentence must be added that states that the method or combination of methods is subject to review and approval of the regulatory authority and surface management agency or surface land owner.

Subsidence Monitoring Plan, Map 521.121q1

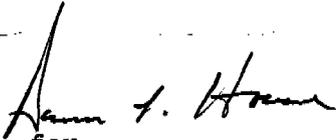
Additional monitoring points are needed at the west side of the IBC area to detect the western extent of subsidence and the angle-of-draw. An east-west trending line of monuments extending to the west beyond the expected subsidence zone would provide this information. The monuments that lie beyond the subsidence zone would also serve as control.

321.100 Vegetation Mapping (Included in IBC Comments)

Bob Thompson, Forest Botanist, has worked with Ben Grimes of CPMC to identify needed corrections to the lists of species and vegetation types. CPMC has agreed to make these revisions.

Several of our concerns in regard to the remainder of the Castle Valley Ridge Lease fall outside of the proposed IBC. We consider this a separate matter and will submit comments separately. If you have any questions, contact us at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,



for
GEORGE A. MORRIS
Forest Supervisor

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