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Reply to: 2820

Date: March 8, 1993

Mr. Lowell Braxton
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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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RE: Incidental Boundary Change, Lease UTU-64263 (West Side of Lease U-13097),
Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006-93A, Folder
#2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

The Forest Service is unable to consent to the proposed Incidental Boundary Change (IBC) until the Bureau of Land Management modifies Federal Coal Lease UTU-64263 as proposed. At the present time Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation does not have the right to develop Federal coal reserves in the IBC area as authorized by a Federal coal lease.

We have, however, reviewed the IBC and have the following comments:

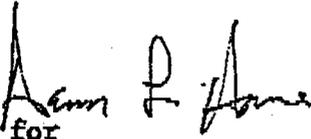
Development of the coal reserves must be in conformance with lease terms and stipulations of the modified lease, once it is issued by BLM.

The mine plan must protect the Wild Cattle Hollow stream channel from subsidence or demonstrate that subsidence of the stream channel would not cause impacts to water flow and quality.

Cyprus Plateau must commit to underground horizontal drilling in advance of driving mains in a westerly direction to detect stored water in the fault zone. If a significant amount of water is encountered during drilling, Cyprus Plateau must cease driving entries to the west and contact the responsible officials of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Forest Service. Further advance of the entries to the west would not be authorized unless the operator can demonstrate that significant impacts to the ground water system would not occur.

We will re-evaluate the IBC for consent when we receive responses to our concerns and the lease is issued by BLM. If you have any questions, please contact us at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,



for
GEORGE A. MORRIS
Forest Supervisor

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