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March 2, 2001

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210  
P.O. Box 145801  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

**Re: Permit Amendment, Silo Demolition, Phillips Petroleum Gas Well, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, C/007/006, Carbon County, Utah**

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is developing demolition plans for the Star Point Mine unit train loadout silo. During the plan development, it has been determined that PMC expand its present disturbed area boundary around the silo to accommodate the requisite trench for the silo to lay into upon demolition.

By extending the disturbed area outwards, PMC can better assure that trench excavating activities, soil stockpiling, and demolition debris can be contained within the disturbed area boundary. The trench will extend southeasterly from the base of the silo for approximately 200 feet and will be approximately 90 feet wide and 15 feet deep. Much of the excavating will take place on the pad and pad outslope, with some occurring past the pad outslope. Much of the undisturbed soils will receive mostly vehicular traffic and soil stockpiling activities. The increase in the area to be affected will be approximately 0.98 acres.

PMC is amending its BLM Right of Way U-52409, application attached, to extend the right of way boundary to facilitate the excavation of a trench and burying of nonhazardous and noncombustible silo demolition debris. The initial right of way issued in 1984 included the acreage now being requested, but in 1985 PMC amended the right of way which removed this and some other acreage. The BLM instructed PMC to amend the right of way to include the desired portion of the 1984 boundary, because the environmental assessment work had already been done.

The additional area to be affected by this reclamation project is addressed in Star Point's MRP. After reviewing the Star Point MRP, the permittee believes that the soil, vegetation, hydrologic, and cultural aspects of the site are adequately addressed within each respective section of the MRP. Furthermore, the environmental analysis initially required for the right-of-way, by the BLM, is complete for this area.

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PMC is submitting revised Maps 542.200c and 321.100h showing the revised reclamation topography and revegetation boundary, respectively, for the area to be affected by the silo demolition. All disturbances associated with the silo demolition will be reclaimed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan.

In addition to the permittee's request for extending the disturbed area boundary around the unit train loadout silo for reclamation purposes, the permittee is notifying the Division of Phillips Petroleum's (River Gas) intent to drill a gas well within Star Point's permit area as shown on Map 542.200c. All disturbance associated with the gas well will be directly related to Phillips Petroleum's actions and not that of Plateau Mining Corporation's.

If the Division has any questions or needs additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas  
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Star Point Silo  
Chrono: JP010301.ltr

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: C/007/006
Title of Proposal: Silo Demolition - Reclamation disturbed area boundary expansion						Mine: STAR POINT MINES
						Permittee: PLATEAU MINING CORP.

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Additional area is needed to facilitate silo demolition and burial.

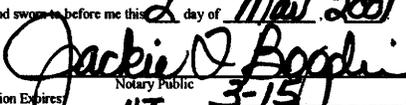
**Instructions:** If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? <u>0.98</u> acres <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use? BLM R-0-W Amendment _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities? BLM R-O-W U52409

Attach 5 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

*Johny Pappas - Sr. Env. Engineer - 3/2/01*  
 Signed - Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of May 2001  
  
 Jackie D. Boggs  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires 3-15 2001  
 STATE OF UT  
 COUNTY OF CARBON

Notary Public  
  
 JACKIE D. BOGGS  
 104 Ferns Drive  
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 My Commission Expires  
 March 15, 2001  
 State of Utah

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February 26, 2001

Mr. Mark Mackiewicz  
Bureau of Land Management  
125 South 600 West  
Price, Utah 84501

**Re: Application to Amend Right of Way U-52409, Unit Train Loadout Facility, Star Point Mine, Plateau Mining Corporation, Carbon County, Utah**

Dear Mr. Mackiewicz:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC), as instructed by the BLM, is submitting an application to amend Right-of-Way U-52409 to facilitate its planned demolition of the unit train loadout silo at Star Point.

PMC is proposing to excavate a trench, as shown on the attached drawing, lay the silo into the trench and cover the rubble concrete with approximately 4 feet of soil and revegetate according to its Coal Mining and Reclamation Plan.

As shown on the drawing, part of the trench and travel corridor will be outside the existing right of way boundary. When the original right-of-way was issued on April 10, 1984, the original boundary appears to accommodate the trench and travel corridor, but as amended on May 9, 1985, it does not. Besides extending the existing boundary, PMC is seeking authorization to bury the silo debris within the right-of-way.

During the demolition of the silo, it should end in a rubble state. However, should additional ruffling be necessary it will be accomplished within the trench. PMC will clean up the area where any concrete or metal scattered outside the confines of the trench. The areas affected by the silo demolition will be returned in a fashion suitable for Utah Railway and/or revegetated according to PMC's reclamation plan as prescribed by the R645 Coal Rules.

PMC is seeking a timely authorization for amending the existing Right-of-Way U-52409 by which demolition can take place this summer. If the BLM has any questions or needs additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435)472-4741.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas  
Sr. Environmental Engineer

**Enclosures**

Env: Star Point - Silo Demolition  
Chrono: JP010208.LTR

APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION AND  
UTILITY SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES  
ON FEDERAL LANDS

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0060  
Expires: August 31, 1998

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

NOTE: Before completing and filing the application, the applicant should completely review this package and schedule a preapplication meeting with representatives of the agency responsible for processing the application. Each agency may have specific and unique requirements to be met in preparing and processing the application. Many times, with the help of the agency representative, the application can be completed at the preapplication meeting.

Application Number

Date filed

1. Name and address of applicant (include zip code)  
Plateau Mining Corporation  
847 Northwest Highway 191  
Helper, Utah 84526

2. Name, title, and address of authorized agent if different from item 1 (Include zip code)

3. TELEPHONE (Area code)  
Applicant

Authorized Agent

4. As applicant are you? (Check one)

- a.  Individual
- b.  Corporation\*
- c.  Partnership/Association\*
- d.  State Government/State Agency
- e.  Local Government
- f.  Federal Agency

\* If checked, complete supplemental page

5. Specify what application is for: (Check one)

- a.  New authorization
- b.  Renewing existing authorization No.
- c.  Amend existing authorization No. U-52409
- d.  Assign existing authorization No.
- e.  Existing use for which no authorization has been received\*
- f.  Other\*

\* If checked, provide details under Item 7

6. If an individual, or partnership, are you a citizen(s) of the United States?  Yes  No

7. Project description (describe in detail): (a) Type of system or facility, (e.g., canal, pipeline, road); (b) related structures and facilities; (c) physical specifications (length, width, grading, etc.); (d) term of years needed; (e) time of year of use or operation; (f) Volume or amount of product to be transported; (g) duration and timing of construction; and (h) temporary work areas needed for construction (Attach additional sheets, if additional space is needed.)

The project location is shown on the attached drawing. The amending of Right-of-Way U-52409 to reflect the original April 10, 1984 footprint surrounding the unit train loadout silo area is being sought to accommodate the efficient demolition and reclamation activities for the Star Point Mine as prescribed by the Utah R645 Coal Rules. The project will require the dismantling and removal of the loadout chute, 120 ton weight bin, control room instrumentation and controls, silo discharge gates, hydraulic system, dust suppression pump and controls, and elevator system. Upon removal of the silo internal components, a trench will be excavated for the silo's final disposition following its demolition. The silo debris will be covered with a minimum four feet of soil and revegetated in accordance with the Star Point Mine reclamation plan and all other applicable rules and regulations.

The entire project is expected to be completed during the 2001 construction season.

8. Attach a map covering area and show location of project proposal

9. State or local government approval:  Attached  Applied for  Not required Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

10. Nonreturnable application fee:  Attached  Not required

11. Does project cross international boundary or affect international waterways?  Yes  No (If "yes" indicate on map)

12. Give statement of your technical and financial capability to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate system for which authorization is being requested.

The work is part of the Star Point Mine reclamation pursuant to Utah's R645 Coal Rules. It is required by permit to demolish and reclaim those facilities that are not intended for any postmining land use.

13a. Describe other reasonable alternative routes and modes considered.

Alternative methods to demolition of the coal loadout where considered but none were deemed to be reasonable due to the increased affect and disturbance to the enviornment and railroad.

b. Why were these alternatives not selected?

Not applicable; alternatives were deemed to be not reasonable

c. Give explanation as to why it is necessary to cross Federal Lands.

Amend existing right-of-way U-52409 to include the original 1984 footprint around the unit train loadout silo to facilitate the demolition of the silo and burial of silo debris.

14. List authorizations and pending applications filed for similar projects which may provide information to the authorizing agency. (Specify number, date, code, or name)

Not applicable

15. Provide statement of need for project, including the economic feasibility and items such as: (s) cost of proposal (construction, operation and maintenance), (b) estimated cost of next best alternative; and (c) expected public benefits.

Reclamation requirement puruant to Utah R645 Coal Rules.

16. Describe probable effects on the population in the area, including the social and economic aspects, and the rural lifestyles.

No effects

17. Describe likely environmental effects that the proposed project will have on: (a) air quality; (b) visual impact; (c) surface and ground water quality and quantity; (d) the control or structural change on any stream or other body of water; (e) existing noise levels; and (f) the surface of the land, including vegetation, permafrost, soil, and soil stability.

This is a reclamation effort pursuant to Utah's R645 Coal Rules. Demolition and reclamation activities will be in accordance with the Star Point Mine reclamation plan and subject to the reclamation monitoring and bond release protocol.

18. Describe the probable effects that the proposed project will have on (a) populations of fish, plantlife, wildlife and marine life, including threatened and endangered species; and (b) marine mammals, including hunting, capturing, collecting, or killing these animals.

No probable effects. Area affected by the silo demolition will be reclaimed to meet the postmining land use of wildlife habitat.

19. State whether any hazardous material, as defined in this paragraph, will be used, produced, transported or stored on or within the right-of-way or any of the right-of-way facilities, or used in the construction, operation, maintenance or termination of the right-of-way or any of its facilities. "Hazardous material" means any substance, pollutant or contaminant that is listed as hazardous under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., and its regulations. The definition of hazardous substances under CERCLA includes any "hazardous waste" as defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et. seq. The term does not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof that is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under CERCLA Section 101(14), 41 U.S.C. 9601(14), nor does the term include natural gas.

There will not be any hazardous material produced, transported or stored within the right-of-way. Only nonhazardous and nocombustible material will be generated and buried within the right-of-way.

20. Name all the Department(s) /Agency(ies) where this application is being filed.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I am of legal age and authorized to do business in the State and that I have personally examined the information contained in the application and believe that the information submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

*W. John Barlow* For *Pitman Mining Corp.*

Date

*2/23/01*

Title 18, U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

**SUPPLEMENTAL**

NOTE: The responsible agency (ies) will provide additional instructions	CHECK APPROPRIATE BLOCK	
	ATTACHED	FILED
<b>I - PRIVATE CORPORATIONS</b>		
a. Articles of Incorporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Corporation Bylaws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. A certification from the State showing the corporation is in good standing and is entitled to operate within the State.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Copy of resolution authorizing filing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. The name and address of each shareholder owning 3 percent or more of the shares, together with the number and percentage of any class of voting shares of the entity which such shareholder is authorized to vote and the name and address of each affiliate of the entity together with, in the case of an affiliate controlled by the entity, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that affiliate owned, directly or indirectly, by that entity, and in the case of an affiliate which controls that entity, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that entity owned, directly or indirectly, by the affiliate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. If application is for an oil or gas pipeline, describe any related right-of-way or temporary use permit applications, and identify previous applications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. If application is for an oil and gas pipeline, identify all Federal lands by agency impacted by proposal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>II - PUBLIC CORPORATIONS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. Copy of law forming corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Proof of organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Copy of Bylaws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Copy of resolution authorizing filing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. If application is for an oil or gas pipeline, provide information required by Item "I-f" and "I-g" above.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>III - PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER UNINCORPORATED ENTITY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. Articles of association, if any	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. If one partner is authorized to sign, resolution authorizing action is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Name and address of each participant, partner, association, or other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. If application is for an oil or gas pipeline, provide information required by Item "I-f" and "I-g" above.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* If the required information is already filed with the agency processing this application and is current, check block entitled "Filed." Provide the file identification information (e.g., number, date, code, name). If not on file or current, attach the requested information.

**NOTICE**

The Privacy Act of 1974 provides that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this application for an authorization.

AUTHORITY: 16 U.S.C. 310; 5 U.S.C. 301.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: The information is to be used to process the application.

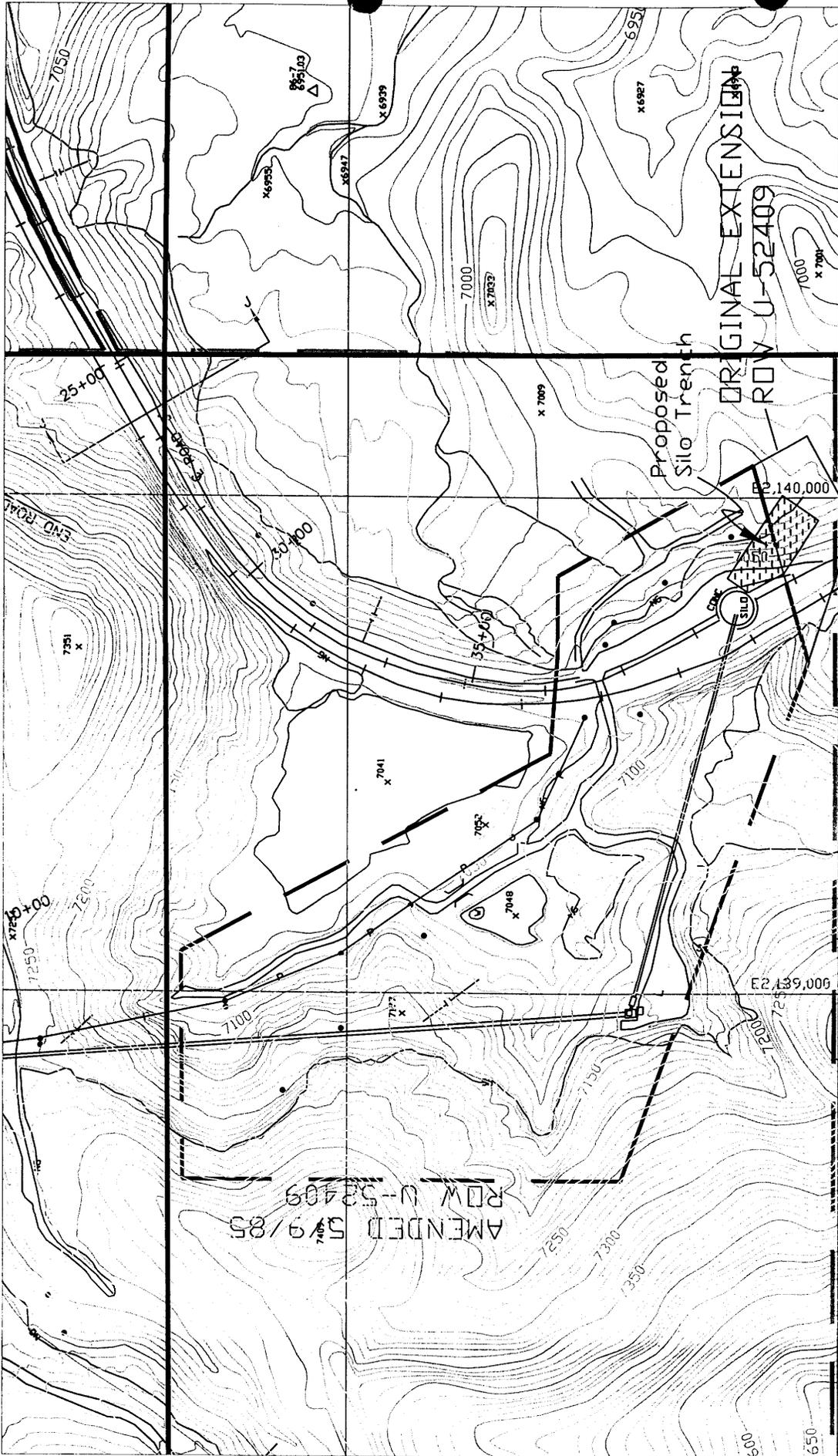
ROUTINE USES: (1) The processing of the applicant's request for an authorization. (2) Documentation for public information. (3) Transfer to appropriate Federal agencies when concurrence is required prior to granting a right in public lands or resources. (4)(5) Information from the record and/or the record will be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all the information is not provided, the application may be rejected.

**DATA COLLECTION STATEMENT**

The Federal agencies collect this information from applicants requesting right-of-way, permit, license, lease, or certification for the use of Federal lands. The Federal agencies use this information to evaluate the applicant's proposal. The public is obligated to submit this form if they wish to obtain permission to sue Federal lands.

A reproducible copy of this form may be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management, Division of Lands, 1620 L Street, Rm. 204, Washington, D.C. 20036



NE 1/4 Sec. 15 T15S, R8E

**LEGEND**

-  PROPOSED SILO TRENCH LOCATION
-  AMENDED 5/9/85 ROW U-52409 BOUNDARY
-  SOUTHERN PORTION OF ORIGINAL ROW U-52409 BOUNDARY
-  CONTOURS
-  DQGM PERMIT BOUNDARY

**PLATEAU MINING CORP.  
STAR POINT MINE  
BLM Right-of-Way U-52409**

Scale: 1" = 300'