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DIVISION OF
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Dear Rick:

Your office sent us a letter, dated January 6, 1987, transmitting a copy of the Technical Analysis (TA) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for U.S. Fuel Company's Hiawatha Mine Complex and requesting Forest Service consent for approval of the Mine and Reclamation Plan (MRP). This letter was in response to our last correspondence to OSM regarding approval of the MRP, dated December 4, 1984, when we consented to the MRP subject to our receipt and approval of the Technical Analysis.

We have reviewed the TA and EA and have the following comments:

1. Copies of the approved signature title pages for the TA and EA were not attached. Please send copies of these as soon as possible.
2. We have not received any hydrologic monitoring data from OSM, UDOGM, or directly from U.S. Fuel Company. The monitoring data and annual reports must be forwarded to the Forest or sent directly to the Forest by U.S. Fuel Company. For the past submitted data, annual reports summarizing the monitoring data will be sufficient for our records.

Some of the information in the TA and EA is outdated, however, this does not detract from the adequacy of the coverage of the permit area which lies on National Forest System lands.

The Manti-LaSal National Forest consents to approval of the Mine and Reclamation Plan contingent upon a response that the materials, as requested in items 1 and 2, will be forwarded to the Forest.

Sincerely,

W. H. Bailey

for
REED C. CHRISTENSEN
Forest Supervisor