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Mr. William Krompel, Commissioner
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Subject: Final reclamation and disposition of County Roads in Hiawatha area. Hiawatha Coal Co., Hiawatha Mine, C/007/001, Task ID #3035, Outgoing File.

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Dear Mr. Krompel,

Phase I bond release for 106.5 acres associated with the North Fork facilities, Slurry pond 4/Refuse Pile 2, Slurry Pond 5 Main Cell, a portion of the Preparation Plant, and Borrow areas A and F is under review by the Division as Task 3035.

A bond release inspection was held on October 8, 2008. During this inspection, the Division found that the access to the North Fork facilities were are via jeep trail. As described on page 2-45 (attached), the Middle Fork road will also be reclaimed to a jeep trail in the future. The South Fork road will be retained as an asphalt road under County ownership.

County road maps available on line indicate that the State Hwy 122 ends at the railroad. County road #338 then heads south towards Mohrland. The County road maps indicate that a less maintained County road continues on into the town of Hiawatha and then splits to go up each of the canyons (topo map and County GIS road map attached).

My recent conversations with the County Road Supervisor, Mr. Ray Hansen, indicated that the County has not been actively maintaining the roads up the canyons for several years. There is a "no trespassing" sign on an open gate at the end of Hwy 122 and several locked gates on the county roads at the entrances to the canyons (approximate locations indicated on map). Does the County maintain ownership and is the County in agreement with the reclamation plans described in this Phase I bond release application?

Please refer to Task 3035 in all correspondence with regard to this issue at Hiawatha.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priscilla Burton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Priscilla Burton
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PINNACLE PEAK

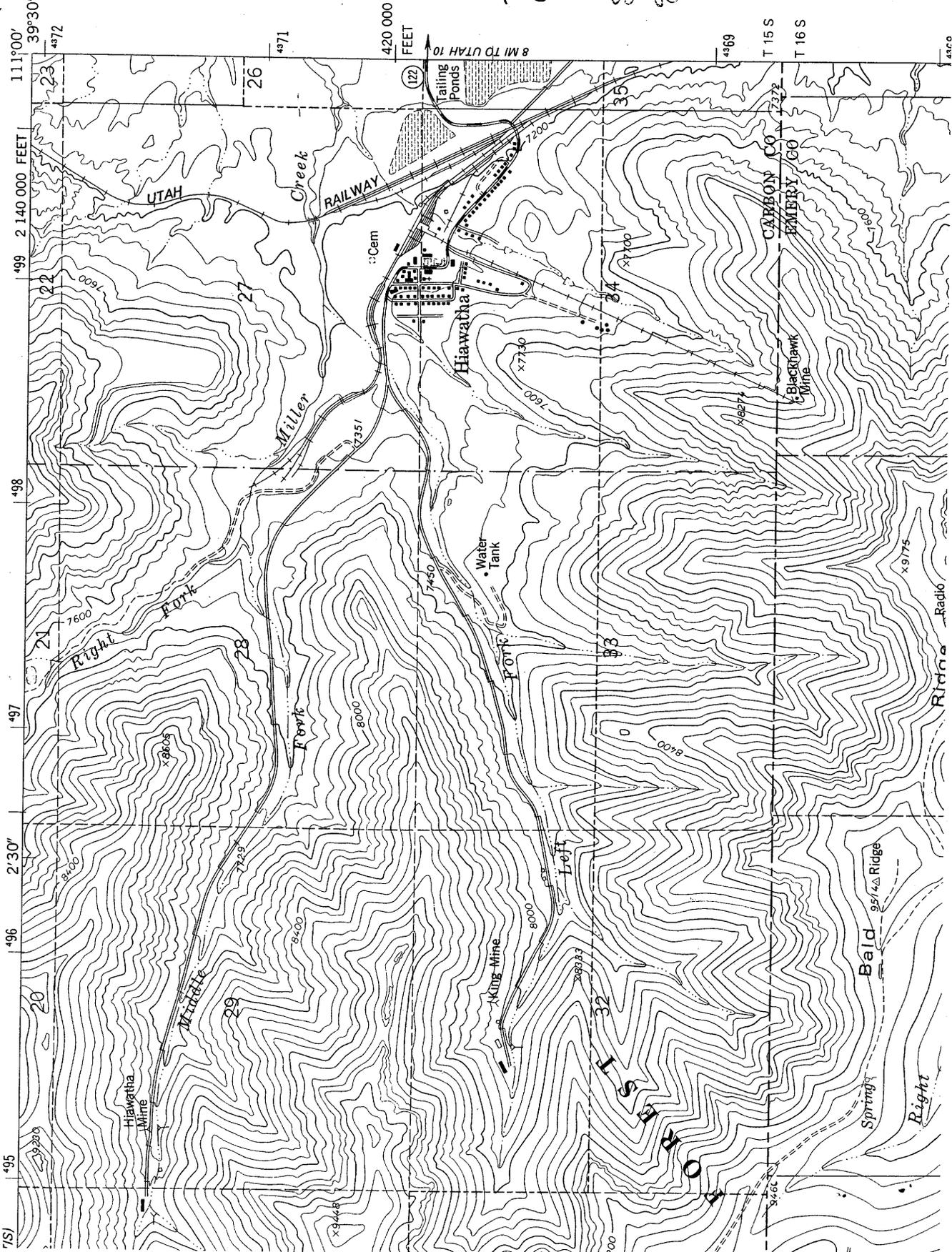
HIAWATHA QUADRANGLE

UTAH

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NE/4 HIAWATHA 15' QUADRANGLE

UTAH
MINERAL SURVEY



Middle Fork road
currently used for
logging activity.

South Fork road
goes up to the fork
King Mine

Phase I bond release application

Reclamation of Roads

Canyon Roads

The roads in ~~South Fork~~, Middle Fork and North Fork will not be totally reclaimed but will be left in place to support the post mining land use as discussed in Chapter IV. ~~The South Fork and Middle Fork roads, comprising of approximately 28 11.6 acres, will be reclaimed to an unimproved condition by removing and disposing of the pavement, ripping the underlying surface and revegetating with plant species favorable to wildlife.~~ The South Fork Road and its access through the warehouse and equipment yards are claimed by carbon county and will not be reclaimed. This area has been included in Exhibit II-4A under the exclusionary boundary. Existing drainage structures will be left in place to serve a single lane road. The full width of the existing subgrades will be left as is and no regrading to approximate original contour is proposed. This will allow the width of the road to remain adequate for the post-mining land uses, of which timbering is one of the approved uses. Fertilizer, seed and mulch will be applied by hand broadcasting or by use of farm type equipment. Seed mixtures 1 or 2 will be used in the vicinity of Hiawatha and seed mixture No. 3 (less nursery grown stock) will be used at higher elevations. Mulch will be applied at the rate of 1.5 tons per acre and will be crimped into the soil by discing.

Access Road to Sediment Pond D003

A short unpaved access road exists between the preparation plant area and sediment pond D003 (see Exhibit II-4A). Only limited excavation was necessary to construct the road, therefore, it will be reclaimed by ripping the surface and revegetating the insitu soils. Fertilizer, seed and mulch will be applied by hand broadcasting or by use of farm type equipment. The soil is the same Haverdad series comprising substitute borrow areas B, C, and D. Seed mix No. 1 for sagebrush dominated borrow areas (described in Chapter III) will be used. Mulch will be applied at the rate of 1.5 tons per acre and will be crimped into the soil by discing.

Truck Runaway Spur to Middle Fork Haul Road

The truck runaway spur is shown on Exhibit II-4A (RA-15). The only excavation required to construct the road was to blade off the vegetation, cut a runoff diversion ditch and install a 24 inch culvert. A mound of gravel (approximately 18 inches high) was placed down the center of the road to retard potential runaway vehicles. Reclamation will involve removing the culvert and gravel and regrading the diversion ditch. The surface of the disturbed area will then be ripped to a depth of 18 inches and the insitu soils revegetated. Fertilizer, seed and mulch will be applied by hand broadcasting or by use of farm type equipment. Seed mix No. 2 will be utilized. Mulch will be applied at the rate of 1.5 tons per acre and will be crimped into the soil by discing.

