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From: **Charles Reynolds** <charles.reynolds@hiawathacoal.com>

Date: Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 8:39 AM

Subject: Hiawatha Flood cleanup Update

To: Priscilla Burton <priscillaburton@utah.gov>, Kendra Hinton <khinton@utah.gov>, Steve Christensen <stevechristensen@utah.gov>

Priscilla,

This email is to update you on the cleanup and sediment pond cleanout progress at Hiawatha. Due to weather delays we were limited on the progress we were able to make over this last week. Work has been completed on the culvert crossing that was washed out at the bottom of Middle Fork and the machinery are working their way up the canyon restoring the ditches that were eroding and road drainage through the culverts. Starting today, we have also hired Scamp Excavating to provide additional equipment to allow us to work in South Fork and Middle Fork at the same time. The South Fork lower pond cleanout should start tomorrow morning as soon as the weather permits and will continue through the weekend as long as weather allows. Once the Middle Fork equipment completes the ditch erosion repairs, work will resume on cleaning additional material out of the Middle Fork pond.

Both the Middle Fork pond and the South Fork upper pond will be a slow process since we can only clean out portions in which the sediment is not submerged. Once an area is excavated, the water fills in that area. We anticipate that this will allow the other areas to dry enough to remove additional material as weather and material drying allows. Both ponds are functioning with intact emergency spillways and our focus is going to be to prioritize the portion of the pond where the decants are located to restore their functionality.

I can provide another update next Monday once we see what the weather for the remainder of this week allows us to do.

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Sincerely,

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