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Fwd: Hiawatha pond clean out update

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Priscilla Burton <priscillaburton@utah.gov>

Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 10:26 AM

To: OGMCOAL DNR <ogmcoal@utah.gov>, Steve Christensen <stevechristensen@utah.gov>, Kendra Hinton <khinton@utah.gov>

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

Date: Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 8:41 AM

Subject: Re: Hiawatha update

To: Priscilla Burton <priscillaburton@utah.gov>

Priscilla,

Since the inspection, we have continued to clean out the Upper Rail Yard sediment pond. It is about 30% complete. However, we had the operator of that machine quit on us last week and have not been able to replace him, so work has slowed but has continued intermittently as we can put personnel on it. The decant has been cleaned and is fully functional as a primary spillway.

The other trackhoe has continued on the cleaning work for the middle fork sediment pond. Unfortunately the operator of that machine, who is inexperienced, was attempting to place a pump out in the water to continue pumping the pond and ventured out too far into the sediment. The machine sank into the sediment, as the attached photo shows. It took until last Thursday to pull the machine back out, which slowed work in that area last week. Overall not a good week for machine operators for us. They did get a pump set up and ready to pump more water out of the middle fork pond, so we should be able to reduce the water in pond further now and keep it down to allow more drying.

Work also continued on filling in the ditches along the middle fork road to protect and restore the road. We have purchased a second dump truck to use for cleaning the ponds and are continuing to look for operators to hire for the machinery to speed things up. The crews are moving a backhoe to South Fork now to clean around the upper bypass culvert and repair the inlet to insure and runoff will flow into it and not bypass to the pond.

This week we will be preparing our permit renewal to file by the end of the week. Once that has been submitted work will start on preparing new sediment pond design maps for inclusion in the MRP.

Sincerely,

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On 11/5/2021 7:30 AM, Priscilla Burton wrote:

Hello Charles

Please send an email update of the pond work completed since the OSM inspection on 10/27/2021.

Thank you,

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