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Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.
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Utah Department of Natural Resources
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is to confirm Beaver Creek Coal Company's intent to install an exploration drill hole as planned in the Left Fork of Byrner Canyon, located 1/4 mile above the No. 2 upper pad.

In order to conduct the drilling, the existing trail-roadway will require upgrading to create drill rig access. Beyond this point, approximately 150-200 feet of trail and hillside will be graded and topsoil salvaged for later use. Mr. Cal Jacobs, who owns the land, has requested that the road remain open after cessation of exploration activities, in order to improve stock access to the canyon. Beaver Creek has agreed to upgrade the fence currently running alongside the roadway.

The pad where the drill rig will operate is located on the canyon floor in a grassy meadow. Aspen trees and various shrub species are scattered throughout. With care, little impact should occur to the area other than that disturbed by the actual drilling. Post-activity reclamation will commence as stipulated in the exploration permit.

The roadway begins adjacent to the spring-seep area on the upper pad. In order to maintain current drainage and control erosion, BCCC will design and install a headwall and cross-drain (with a minimum of an 8" steel pipe) to convey seep water under the roadway. The disturbed area up-canyon from the seep currently has plastic over it to control erosion. Gravel will be placed over the plastic to provide interim erosion control. The above mentioned plans will commence prior to any exploration activity. More gravel will be placed after exploration activities have ceased in order to complete erosion control.

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Any further inquiries regarding these activities may be directed to either myself or Dan Guy at 637-5050.

Sincerely,

BEAVER CREEK COAL COMPANY



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