

June 10, 1981

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Gordon Creek #2
ACT/007/016
Carbon County, Utah

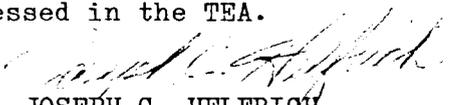
Beaver Creek Coal Company's Gordon Creek #2 Mine was visited on May 13, 1981, by Joe Helfrich and Sandy Pruitt from the Division, Carol Zarnekee, lead reviewer, Jim Ratzloff, vegetation specialist and John Montgomery, hydrologist, from the Office of Surface Mining. State and federal employees were accompanied by Dan Guy, senior mining engineer for Beaver Creek Coal Company. The purpose of the trip was to acquaint the technical staff from the Office of Surface Mining with the surface facilities, hydrology and vegetation reference areas located at the #2 mine.

Vegetation

In a short discussion with Jim Ratzloff and Ken Wangerud, it was determined that Beaver Creek Coal had originally submitted plans for reference areas merely as a formality. It was suggested that the sagebrush-grassland community located above the belt drive portal of the #2 mine could be used concurrently with the vegetative reference areas located at the #3 and 6 mine and there was no need for the mixed conifer reference area located at the #2 mine. Since final reclamation would involve only those areas adjacent to the mixed oakbrush-sage-grassland community.

Hydrology

Ms. Zarnekee and John Montgomery were concerned with the delineation of the undisturbed and disturbed drainage being mixed and flowing into the existing sediment pond and the surface water drainage into old underground mine workings. These two concerns will be addressed in the TEA.


JOSEPH C. HELFRICH
RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM

JCH/btm

Statistics:

Vehicle Number: EX 70237--641 Miles
Per Diem: One person X two days, nine hours @ \$37.50/day = \$116.50
One person X two days, nine hours @ \$37.50/day = \$112.50
Grant: A & E

File in:

- Confidential
- Shelf
- Expandable

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