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Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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OCT 03 1983

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed are the comments we have recently received from the Bureau of Land Management at Moab regarding the Gordon Creek No. 2 proposed repermitting action. Their findings indicate that their areas of interest appear to be complete and satisfactory, and should be incorporated into the draft technical analysis.

If you have any questions, please contact either Louis Hamm or Walter Swain at (303) 837-3806.

Sincerely,

Walter Swain
Stephen F. Manger
Task Force Leader

Enclosure

cc: Steve Cox, UDOGM



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Moab District
P. O. Box 970
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Memorandum

To: Center Administrator, Office of Surface Mining, Denver, Colorado
Attn: Louis Hamm

From: District Manager, Moab

Subject: Mine Plan Review - Beaver Creek's Gordon Creek No. 2

By your letter of August 5, 1983, you requested our concerns for subject mine plan by September 12, 1983. As noted by our memo to your office dated January 14, 1981, we found that subject mine plan was satisfactory and we hereby grant our concurrence for approval of the plan.

Lands within the mine plan area have not been identified as unsuitable through our land use planning. A land use plan prepared in 1979 did not apply the unsuitability criteria to the Federal lease (U-8319) included in the mine plan area since the lease was producing. In accordance with regulations effective August 30, 1982 (43 CFR 3461), the BLM no longer has the responsibility of applying the unsuitability criteria to leases issued prior to July 19, 1979. However, the OSM does apply the mandatory criteria found in Section 522(e) of SMCRA as well as the AVF criterion in Section 510(b)(5). We do not recommend any of the lands within the mine plan area for unsuitability designation.

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