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Inspection Memo  
to Coal File:

RE: Gordon Creek #2 Mine  
Beaver Creek Coal Company  
ACT/007/016  
Folder No. 7  
Carbon County, Utah

DATE: March 17 and 18, 1983  
TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. & 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.  
WEATHER: Cool, recent snow  
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Scott Raymond  
STATE OFFICIAL: Sandy Pruitt  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION: None

Compliance with Permanent Performance Standards

UMC 771 et al Permits

The May 11, 1978 mining approval letter was available for inspection. Beaver Creek Coal Company submitted plans on January 3, 1983 for a waste rock disposal site adjacent to the west mine portal. This disposal site would be necessary since Beaver Creek Coal Company intended to drive three rock tunnels through a fault to access the recently acquired Valley Camp Coal Reserves. Beaver Creek Coal Company filed a Notice of Intent on February 16, 1983 for an exploration project up the left fork of Bryner Canyon. They expect that the slope of the rock tunnels would be too great for access by their mine equipment so exploration will be conducted to determine the feasibility of developing a mine portal up that canyon. The NOI was approved by DOGM on March 21, 1983 with 5 stipulations and by BLM on March 14, 1983 with 13 stipulations. Additional faults were located and more drilling was required. A modification dated March 30, 1983 was approved on April 8, 1983. By developing an entry directly into the coal seam and past the fault zone the waste rock disposal site would not be required.

UMC 817.41 - .57 Hydrologic Balance

The mine access road and the truck loadout road had been recently graded. The drainage ditches and water bars had been reestablished also and appeared functional. Gravel had been placed to divert drainage across the access to the truck loadout and toward the sediment pond. Gravel placed across the access to the parking lot diverted drainage toward the cross culvert to the sediment pond.

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Scott Raymond committed to having the undisturbed drainage channel (on the south side of the loadout) clear of all coal or mine yard wastes (that may have been pushed into the channel this winter) as soon as it is visible upon snow melt. At that time the straw bales in the channel should be maintained also.

Beaver Creek Coal Company intended to begin development of the road to the drill sites up the left fork on Bryner Canyon the next week. They did not foresee any need for blasting. The fence along the trail would be disassembled. Snow removal would be a problem. They intend to push the snow toward Bryner Creek and then construct the road by side-cast. Beaver Creek Coal Company should take all precautions in the road development to prevent any obstruction or sedimentation of the Bryner Creek drainage in compliance with UMC 815.15 (c)(3)(ii) and (g).

The water truck fill up pad was inspected briefly. The dam appears intact, snow cover prevented inspection of all sediment control. Runoff was ponding at the base of the berm along Gordon Creek. This enhances the potential for saturation of the bank and berm breaches.

All water monitoring reports for 1982 have been submitted to DOGM. Monitoring data for January and February 1983 were available at the mine office as required. No water monitoring samples were taken since November because all points were either frozen or inaccessible.

#### UMC 817.99 Slides and Other Damage

Two minor slides have occurred along the north slope of the mine yard. One located west of the lower portal does not present any immediate concern and will be cleaned up once accessible. A second slide occurred above the inlet to the sediment pond and may present an obstruction to the undisturbed drainage conveyance to the sediment pond along the base of the north slope. This slide is also inaccessible due to snow. Once an obstruction is evident extraordinary measures may be required to clear this slide and reestablish drainage controls.

#### UMC 817.111 - .117 Revegetation

A temporary seed mix listed in a letter dated August 30, 1982 was approved for use by Steve Cox of DOGM. This mix was used for fall seeding of the downslope from the upper portal pad and on a roadside area adjacent to the parking lot (this area was disturbed this winter by a snow/waste disposal and should be reseeded). The pond sediment disposed on the east embankment of the sediment pond should be revegetated. The disturbed area created for the water truck fill up should be revegetated to provide additional sediment control.

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UMC 817.150 - .176 Roads

Swisher Coal Company (now Beaver Creek Coal Company) have an agreement with Carbon County dated July 3, 1975 and amended August 18, 1975 for unrestricted use of the county highway 139 which starts just outside the permit area boundary. Inspectors should examine this agreement to determine maintenance responsibilities.

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FIELD SPECIALIST

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Statistics:

See Gerwal memo dated March 30, 1983.