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FROM: Kathryn M. Mutz, Reclamation Biologist

RE: Supplemental Tree Plantings at Huntington #4 Reclamation, INA/015/004, Folder #13 and Gordon Creek #2 Mine, ACT/007/016, Folder #13

During the week of April 28, 1986 I discussed planting trees at the Huntington #4 and Gordon Creek #2 mines with Dan Guy of Beaver Creek Coal Company and Tom Wright, the Inspector assigned to both projects. Dan suggested, and Tom and I agreed, that the following would be beneficial additions to the vegetation of the sites:

1. Huntington #4: Approximately 100 Ponderosa Pine seedlings should be planted immediately, including about 75 on the lower pad area and 25 on the upper road.

2. Gordon Creek #2: Approximately 200 Aspen and 30 Douglas Fir seedlings would be planted when weather permits on a revegetated terraced area adjacent to the road at #2 Mine. The terraced area may be disturbed during final reclamation of the site but the trees should contribute to stability of the terraces in the mean time. It may be possible to transplant some of the survivors during reclamation.

Care will be taken at both sites to avoid unnecessary disturbance of these seeded areas.

Both Tom and I appreciate Beaver Creek's interest in and efforts to enhance the environment at these two mines.

cc: D. Guy, Beaver Creek Coal Co.
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