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TO: Coal File
FROM: Richard V. Smith, Geologist *RVS*
RE: Proposed Mining Sequence Change, First South Workings, Beaver Creek Coal Company, Gordon Creek #2 and #7 Mine, ACT/007/016, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

The proposed mining sequence change appears to constitute a permit amendment and will require a formal request for a permit change. The operator must submit an updated mining sequence map (Plate 3-3) that shows the mining sequence change, and incorporate appropriate changes to the text of the approved permit to accommodate mining activities attendant to the proposed amendment.

The proposal, as described in December 1986 correspondence with BLM, incorporates mining in areas with less than 100 feet overburden and beneath an ephemeral stream. Accordingly, the potential for mining-induced subsidence impact (e.g., subsidence cracks, catastrophic failure) to the ephemeral stream occupying the Left Fork of Bryner Canyon and attendant biologic resources will be increased. I recommend that Kathy Mutz and Jim Fricke also review this proposal.

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