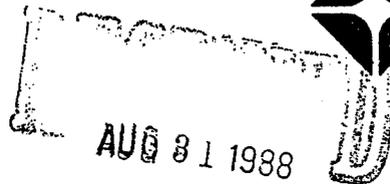


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August 25, 1988

Mr. Lowell P. Braxton
Administrator
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Attention: Mr. John Whitehead

RE: Request to Suspend Annual
Raptor Surveys
Gordon Creek No.2 and 7 Mine
ACT/007/016; #6
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

In response to Mr. Whitehead's letter of July 13, 1988, Beaver Creek Coal Company is requesting the Division's approval to suspend annual raptor surveys for the above referred permit. Revised pages for the permit are enclosed as requested.

If you need any further information, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Dan W. Guy
Manager Permitting/Compliance

cc Johnny Coffey
File

3.4.6.3 Fish and Wildlife Monitoring

Beaver Creek Coal Company will conduct a wildlife monitoring program throughout the operational life of the Gordon Creek No. 2 and No. 7 Mines. The monitoring program will utilize the services of an environmental specialist and, as necessary, professional consultants to evaluate the on-going success of operational mitigation measures. It will also ensure that sensitive or critical use areas remain undisturbed by future activities, deal with any unforeseen difficulties which might arise and participate in reclamation efforts upon completion of the project. Any threatened or endangered species observed during this monitoring will be reported to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Utah Division of Mining.

Two aspects of the monitoring program have already been initiated by Beaver Creek Coal Company: (a) monthly inspections of specific stations along Gordon Creek to monitor sediment load, (b) routine reporting by selected personnel of any road kills along the access corridor.

3.4.7 Protection of Air Quality

3.4.7.1 Projected Impacts of Mining Operations on Air Quality

Regional impacts from Gordon Creek mining operations on air quality are expected to be minimal due to the rapid fallout of particles with distance from the source. Particulate matter is the only air pollutant that has the potential to degrade air quality. The particulate matter is predominantly fugitive dust. Increases in concentrations of other pollutants such as sulfur dioxide,

10.7 Fish and Wildlife Monitoring

Beaver Creek Coal Company will conduct wildlife monitoring throughout the operational life of the Gordon Creek No. 2 and No. 7 Mines. The monitoring will utilize the services of full-time environmental specialist and, as necessary, professional consultants to evaluate the on-going success of operational mitigation measures, ensure that threatened or endangered species and sensitive or critical use areas remain undisturbed by future activities, deal with unforeseen difficulties which might arise, and participate in reclamation efforts upon completion of the project.

Two aspects of the monitoring program have already been initiated by Beaver Creek Coal Company: (1) monthly observations of specific stations along Bryner Canyon to monitor sediment load; (2) routine reporting by selected personnel of any road kills along the access corridor. Additional monitoring on Beaver Creek to assess impacts of second mining are discussed in Appendix 6 of this MRP.

In addition to the above, wildlife use of the Elk crossing for the conveyor/access road was to be monitored to attempt to gain additional information concerning frequency of use, as well as impacts on migration. This program has been cancelled due to unavailability of equipment. Approved by Division on 1/9/87.

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