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DIVISION OF  
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Dear Sirs:

Beaver Creek Coal Company has submitted the mining and reclamation plan (MRP) for No. 8 Mine amendment to Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine for our review. The plan proposes the mining of coal reserves adjacent to the No. 7 Mine on federal lease U-53159. The No. 8 Mine will be accessed through portals located adjacent to the No. 7 Mine and across major faults.

The submittal has been reviewed for completeness and technical adequacy pursuant to the cooperative agreement between our offices for conformance with regulations 43 CFR 3480, in particular those subparts dealing with resource recovery and protection plans (R2P2) and underground coal mining operations dated September 16, 1983, revised as of October 1, 1985, in the Code of Federal Regulations.

In a letter to OSM dated March 28, 1986, BLM approved the R2P2 for the Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine, No. 8 Mine amendment. The 1985 and 1986 R2P2 are similar, having only a change in time frame.

Our review has followed a "Resource Recovery and Protection Plan - Checklist" as outlined in the regulations cited above, in particular 43 CFR 3482.1(c). It has been determined that the submitted mine plan is adequate and complete according to the regulatory requirements of 43 CFR 3480.

The plan has been reviewed to determine if maximum economic recovery (MER) of coal resources will be achieved. The submitted mining plan satisfies MER requirements.

We concur with the underground mining part of the subject mining plan as submitted and recommend that it be approved.

Sincerely yours,

District Manager

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