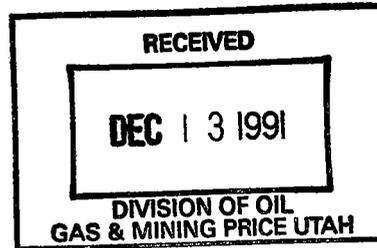


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December 12, 1991

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Re: Revision of Post-Mining Land Use
Gordon Creek No., 2, 7 & 8 Mines
ACT/007/016/
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Mountain Coal Company is herein requesting approval of a change in the post-mining land use of the Gordon Creek No. 2, 7, & 8 Mine area from Wildlife/Grazing to Light Industrial. This request is submitted in accordance with the requirements of R614-412.130 and R614-303-220.

This basis for this proposed change is that the surface landowner plans to use the reclaimed site as a "staging area" for his sheep operations. The planned use will include holding/shearing pens, loading/unloading areas, camps and parking areas, as well as watering troughs and necessary equipment / storage facilities. This constitutes a change from the pre-mining land use (wildlife / grazing), and will require a variance from the Approximate Original Contour requirement in that highwalls, pads and roads are proposed to be left in the No. 2 and No. 7 Mine areas.

I have been advised that this proposal constitutes a Significant Revision to the Mine Plan. The earthwork portion of the reclamation is not scheduled to begin until August-September of 1992; therefore, this proposal is submitted well in advance of the required 120 days. A proposed public notice to be published in the local paper is included with this submittal.

Enclosed are three copies each of revised maps and pages for inclusion in the M.R.P. These sheets are numbered and should replace corresponding numbers in the Mine Plan upon approval.

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Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please let me know.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan W. Guy".

Dan W. Guy
Manager Permitting / Compliance

cc: Dave Arnolds
Johnny Coffey
Rick Parkins
Calvin Jacobs
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