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Mr. Dan Guy, Manager  
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Dear Mr. Guy:

Re: Permit Renewal Conditions - Clarification of Condition #1 - Part 2 Required, Gordon Creek #3 and #6, Mountain Coal Company, ACt/007/017, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

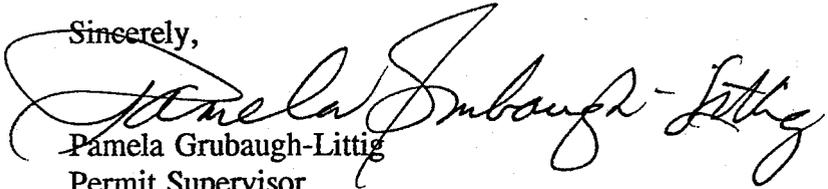
The Division reviewed the responses to Conditions #1 and #2 for the Gordon Creek #3 and #6 permit renewal. Condition #1 - Part 1 is acceptable. Condition #1 - Part 2 is also acceptable. However, the operator should be aware that the cover standard is based on total vegetative ground cover, not just herbaceous cover. The Oakbrush reference area has a much greater cover requirement (79% total cover, 8% herbaceous cover) than the Sagebrush-Grass (37%).

Since the entire area had been previously mined, a reasonable goal for the operator to consider would be to achieve a 37% vegetative cover, 640 pounds per acre production and 100 shrubs per acre on the entire reclaimed site. The Sagebrush-Grass reference area would be used as the standard for the reclaimed area.

Condition #1 - Part 3 and Condition #2 are acceptable.

Please respond to the concerns of Condition #1 - Part 2 by March 31, 1992. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

  
Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
Permit Supervisor