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**DIVISION OF OIL GAS & MINING
FIELD VISIT FORM
TECHNICAL**

Date: September 25, 1997

Time: about 6:30 PM

Mine: Soldier Canyon

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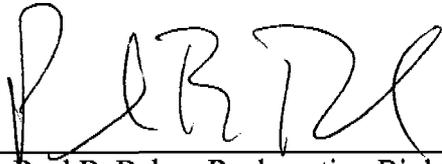
DOG M Staff: Paul Baker and Bob Davidson

Other Attendees: None

Purpose: To look at the vegetation on the lower topsoil stockpiles. The mine's inspector, Peter Hess, reported the vegetation on the stockpiles was brown despite an unusually wet summer.

Observations: The dead vegetation is mostly downy brome or cheatgrass. It is the dominant species in some areas. It is a prolific and ubiquitous annual that is difficult to eradicate. While it does provide good erosion protection, it would be much better to have perennial grasses instead.

Recommendations/Conclusions: I will check costs and effectiveness of herbicides, and, based on this information, may recommend applying a preemergent herbicide next summer.

Signature:  on September 26, 1997
Paul B. Baker, Reclamation Biologist

cc: Bob Davidson
Pete Hess