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Subject: Phase II Bond Release for Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines, Arch Western

Dear Mrs. Grubaugh-Littig:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been asked to respond if our agency has any objections or concerns with regards to a Phase II bond release (reclamation bond) for the Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 mines.

We have participated in the September 28, 2006 onsite inspections and have reviewed our files. Reclamation in this area occurred on private land with federal minerals. All portal seals were noted to be properly intact with successful re-vegetation. Photographs of the onsite are attached.

We have no objections to Phase II bond release.

If you have and questions or comments, please contact Angela Wadman of my staff at 435-636-3661.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Doolittle
Rebecca Doolittle
Assistant Field Manager

cc: UT-923, SD, Utah

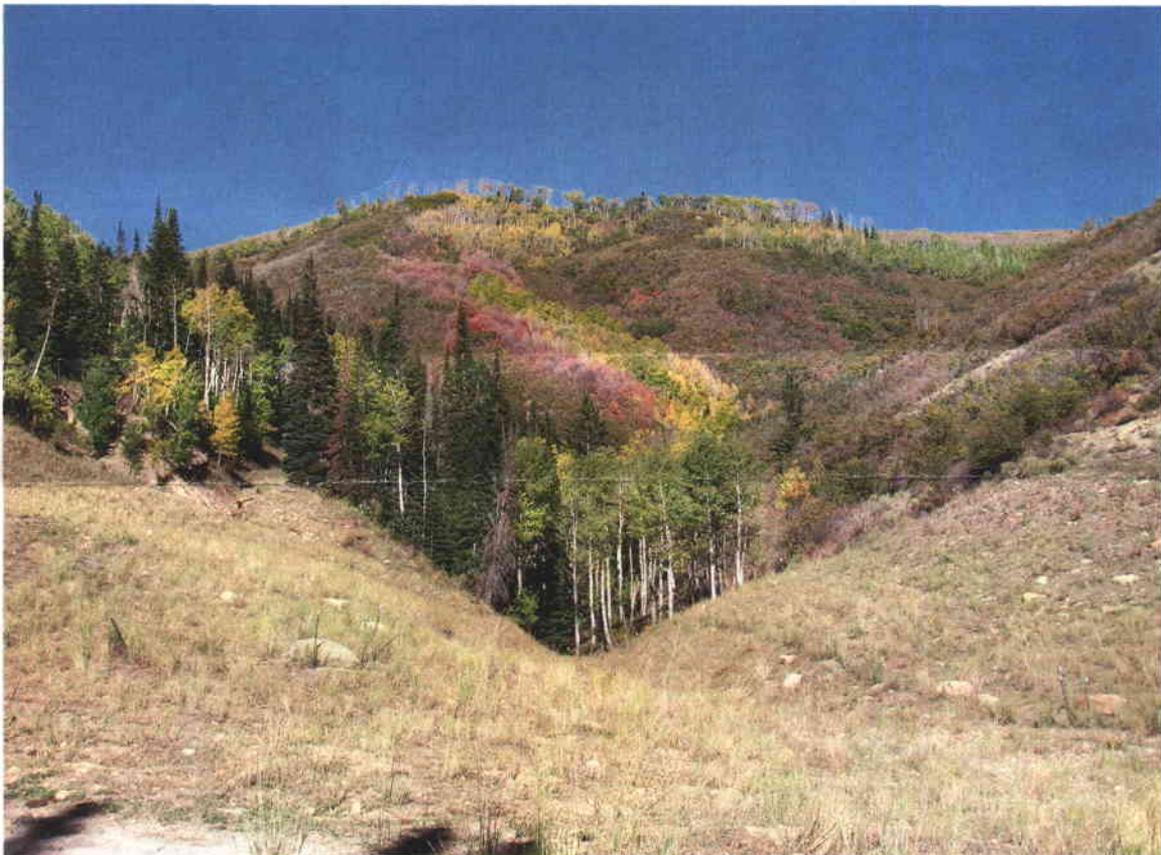
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Down canyon view of Bryner Canyon and North Fork Gordon Creek from Gordon Creek No. 7 mine portal.



A picture of a north side canyon on the way to the portals.



A picture of the reclaimed highwalls and portals of Gordon Creek No. 7.



A picture of Gordon Creek No. 8 Mine portal taken on September 28, 2006.