

March 29, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder  
FROM: Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist *TW*  
RE: Beaver Creek Coal, Gordon Creek #3 and 6, ACT/007/017,  
Carbon County, Utah

On March 21, 1985 I conducted a partial inspection of Beaver Creek Coal's Gordon Creek #3 and #6 mine. Bert Jeanselme of Beaver Creek Coal accompanied me on the site inspection. The weather was warm and sunny.

Earlier this year the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining approved of a change in the status of this mine from active to inactive as no mining or reclamation is ongoing at this time. The only activity that has occurred on this site during the winter is storage of snow removed from the Gordon Creek #2 and #7 mine.

Snow cover on the lower pad and the mine access road had melted and the surfaces of these areas are rapidly drying. The access road to the upper site and pad remain snow covered. Access to the upper mine pads was not possible due to snow cover.

Sediment ponds for the area were functional with no signs of failure or erosion. Volume of the upper pond cell has been greatly reduced by sediment. Cleaning of this cell should be done when access with equipment is possible. Water level in the lowest cell of the pond series was high but no discharge was occurring on this date. It appears that no discharge has occurred recently.

The berm for routing disturbed runoff from the lower pad to the sediment pond was functional but in need of maintenance. Sediment deposited along the base has reduced volume capacity and could lead to breaching in the future.

Also, the access road ditch to route undisturbed drainage from the hillside to bypass culverts has had material slumpage which could impede flow. This should be removed and the area monitored carefully for maintenance.

In both cases flow still is properly routed and no violation has occurred at this time.

Surface of the access road is acceptable with no serious signs of erosion or gullies developing. According to the operator the

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landowner wishes the road to remain after reclamation to allow access for livestock.

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cc: Donna Griffin, OSM  
Dan Guy, Beaver Creek Coal Company  
Joe Helfrich, DOGM  
John Whitehead, DOGM

Statistics:

Vehicle: EX 45429, 417 miles  
Per Diem: 1 person X 2 days = \$112.25  
Grant: A&E  
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March 1, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder  
FROM: Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist <sup>TW</sup>  
RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company, Gordon Creek #3 and #6 Mine,  
Act/007/017, Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

On February 21, 1985, I conducted a partial inspection of the Gordon Creek #3 and 6 mine site. Dan Guy of Beaver Creek Coal Company accompanied me on this inspection. The weather was clear and cold.

This site has been inactive for several months and will be reclaimed when final approval is given from the Division. The only usage for the site at this time is a storage area for snow removed from the Beaver Creek #2 and 7 mine.

No activity has occurred on this area since the last inspection. No new tracks were made in the snow covering the entrance road. The gate for the site was closed and locked.

DOGM technical staff approved in a letter dated February 20, 1985 Beaver Creek's request to change the status of this site from active to inactive.

As a result of this approval inspection in the future will be reduced from monthly to once a quarter.

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cc: Donna Griffin, OSM  
Dan Guy, BCCC  
Mary Boucek, DOGM  
Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Statistics: See Beaver Creek Coal, Huntington #4 memo dated  
February 26, 1985

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