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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: State Director, Utah (U-942)

From: District Manager, Moab

Subject: Coal Exploration Licenses U-66506 and U-66848, Soldier Creek Coal Company

We have reviewed the subject coal exploration license application for completeness and preparation of appropriate environmental documentation per your request. One environmental document was prepared for both applications due to their proximity to one another.

The proposed exploration plan for exploration license application U-66506 has been modified. The original proposal was to drill one hole on land which Soldier Creek controlled the surface estate and if adverse results were obtained from this site an additional hole would be drilled on public lands administered by Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The plan as modified is to drill only the one hole on the land which Soldier Creek Coal Company controls the surface estate (T. 12 S., R. 12 E., Sec. 33, NE1/4SE1/4). The proposed additional hole on lands administered by BLM will not be drilled.

We recommend the licenses be approved with the following conditions:

1. Environmental Assessment (EA) stipulations should be attached to each license.
2. Each exploration license should have a bond in the amount of \$5,000 on file prior to commencement of the proposed exploration plan.
3. Exploration plan for U-66506 is approved as modified in the proposed action of the attached EA.

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Attachments

- 1-EA, FONSI/Stipulations
- 2-Signed exploration plans

CC:
U-921 (w/o Attach.)
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