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FROM: Susan Linner, ^{SCL} Reclamation Biologist/Permit Supervisor

RE: Review, Addition of New Lease ML-44365, Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Summary:

On April 17, 1989 the Division received a request from Soldier Creek Coal Company to add state lease ML-44365 to the approved permit area for the Soldier Canyon Mine. The Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) was reviewed for information regarding this lease in the Legal/Financial and Cultural Resources sections.

Analysis:

A cultural resources survey of the area was done in October of 1985. The Division of State History signed off on the survey on September 18, 1986. This was part of the Decision Document for the Soldier Canyon Mine permit, issued February 3, 1987.

The new lease is shown on the permit maps, although it is shown to be outside the permit boundary. The applicant has supplied a copy of the lease showing right of entry. This was determined sufficient to call the plan complete, however, before final approval the applicant must update Chapter 2, and all pertinent maps, to include the new lease area.

Recommendations:

The applicant should provide and incorporate the following information into the MRP.

UMC 782.13 Identification of Interests - SCL

The applicant should update Chapter 2 of the MRP to include all information pertinent to the new lease, including: surface and mineral ownership information, both of the lease and contiguous areas; a legal description of the lease area; a copy of the fully executed lease document; and revision of the section on interests in contiguous areas.

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At a minimum, the permit area and surface and subsurface ownership maps should be resubmitted to reflect the new permit area at this time. Eventually, all maps will need to be redrawn.

cc: J. Leatherwood