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TO: Susan Linner, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Biologist *LK*

RE: Review of Portal Expansion Area, Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018-89B, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah.

Summary:

Materials for the above referenced plan received on August 15, 1989 has been reviewed for completeness and adequacy in addressing comments made on my June 30, 1989 memo. Those comments have been adequately addressed as well as comments made by James Leatherwood (June 12, 1989) regarding soil resources information (UMC 783.21) and topsoil redistribution (UMC 817.24).

Analysis:

UMC 784.13 Reclamation Plan: General Requirements - LK

(b)(4) The operator will use the grass and forb species of the final revegetation seed mix for stabilization of the topsoil stockpile.

(b)(5) Appropriate references have been made to the approved MRP and commitments made for the revegetation of the riparian area that will be disturbed by this proposal.

Appropriate plans have been referenced for the interim stabilization of areas not needed for the active operations.

(b)(5)(v) Any pest and/or disease control measures that may be necessary will be approved by DOGM prior to implementation.

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UMC 784.21 Fish and Wildlife Plan - LK

The applicant has submitted plans for mitigating impacts to critical and/or high priority deer winter range, and have submitted proof of implementation of the plan.

UMC 783.21 Soil Resources Information - JSL

Section 10.1.1 has been corrected to correctly identify the area as having been previously disturbed.

UMC 817.24 Topsoil: Redistribution - JSL

Soil redistribution plans have been revised to show 12" of soil material will be redistributed over the area at the time of final reclamation.

Recommendations:

The operator has adequately addressed all comments made previously under these regulations. The proposal can be approved.

cc: M. Deweese
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