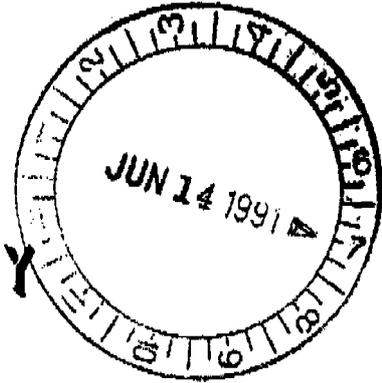


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# CARBON COUNTY

## PRICE, UTAH 84501

June 12, 1991

Rick Olsen, President  
Soldier Creek Coal Company  
P.O. Box I  
Price, UT 84501

Re: Road between Highway 6 and the Soldier Creek Mine, crossing portions of Sections 3 and 4, Township 15 South, Range 11 East; portions of Sections 1, 12, 13, 23, 24, 26 and 35, Township 14 South, Range 11 East; Sections 25 and 36, Township 13 South, Range 11 East; and Sections 7, 18 and 19, Township 13 South, Range 12 East, SLBM -- known as public road #070010.

In response to the letter from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining regarding whether the above road is a public road, we provide the following information:

1. The above road is a public road pursuant to the laws of Carbon County, Utah.

2. a. It is difficult, if not impossible, to determine the exact date that this road was established as a public road. However, its use as a public road pre-dates the establishment of the mine which is presently Soldier Creek Coal, and may even pre-date the establishment of Carbon County as a body politic.

b. This road is included in the Carbon County road system.

c. The road is classified as a Class B road within the public road system, and Carbon County has numerous other Class B roads within its system.

3. Carbon County has expended the following amounts of public funds for maintenance of the road for the identified years:

a.	1990	\$43,887.00
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b.	1989	\$55,546.00
c.	1988	\$10,000.00

4. These maintenance costs are very similar to other roads within the same classification in Carbon County. In some years the road requires a great deal of maintenance, and in other years, very little is required. The amount of public maintenance money spent also depends on the amount of money available, and the priority of the requirements for a particular road, all of which is determined year by year.

5. The road is partially paved and partially gravel, as are many other Class B roads within Carbon County. The construction standards are similar to other Class B roads within the County.

6. Soldier Creek Coal Company does not have the ability to deny public access to this road. The road is also used by cattlemen for access to livestock ranges, by the general public for access to recreational areas for hunting, hiking and sightseeing, and is also a route to Duchesne County.

If other information is needed, Carbon County will be happy to provide the same.

*William D. Krompel*

William D. Krompel, Commissioner