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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: 10/8/91
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Soldier Creek Coal Co.
Business Address: P. O. Box I, Price, Utah 84501
Mine Name: Soldier Canyon Mine Permit Number: ACT/007/018
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Other County: Carbon
Company Official(s): Tom Paluso State Official(s): Paul Baker Federal Official(s): None
Partial: Complete: Date of last Inspection: 9/10/91
Weather Conditions: Clear, 70's
Acreage: Permitted-4910 Disturbed-18.3 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-22.8
Enforcement Action: None

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
<u>1. PERMITS</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>2. SIGNS AND MARKERS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>3. TOPSOIL</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:</u>				
<u>a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>b. DIVERSIONS</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>5. EXPLOSIVES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE & SPOIL</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>8. NONCOAL WASTE</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>13. REVEGETATION</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>16. ROADS</u>				
<u>a. CONSTRUCTION</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>c. SURFACING</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>d. MAINTENANCE</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>18. SUPPORT FACILITIES</u>				
<u>UTILITY INSTALLATIONS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. Permits

Conducted an AVS check, and there are no changes. Tom Paluso informed me that the company is for sale and that completion is anticipated by next year.

Soldier Creek's permit renewal is due 10/11.

Soldier Creek has submitted an application to explore for a new fan site. The application identifies a population of canyon sweetvetch, a candidate threatened or endangered species, occurring near the proposed location. The plants are in a very rocky, steep draw that is at least 100 ft. from the bench where the activity would be conducted.

4.b. Diversions

Culverts and ditches have been cleaned since the storm in early September. The culvert under the REI access road (not Soldier Creek's responsibility) was still mostly blocked, but there was a crew working to clear it. Mine water discharging above the culvert was of small enough quantity to filter through the rocks and sediment and continue down the stream.

A grate that had been on an 84" culvert under the No. 1 fan had been removed. During storms, especially the large storm in September, this grate had had a tendency to collect debris, act as a dam, and jeopardize the fan. This grate is not shown on the map in the MRP.

4.c. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The sediment pond contained some water but was not discharging. The cleanout point is two feet below the decant, and it appears to be getting close. Soldier Creek is hoping for approval of their new refuse disposal site before cleanout is necessary.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Soldier Creek Coal, Bernie Freeman (OSM)

Given to: Daron Haddock and Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: _____

Paul B. Baker #41 Date: 10/18/91