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ATTN: Ken Phippen
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
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Dear Mr. Phippen:

RE: Permit Renewal Application, Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine, Folder #2, ACT/007/018, Carbon County, Utah

Enclosed are copies of several pages of Soldier Creek Coal Company's permit renewal application that deal with the proposed waste rock disposal site development. I have also made a copy of one of the hydrology maps that may help in understanding the proposal.

Some of the abbreviations that you may encounter include: LOM = Life of Mine, SC = Soldier Creek and basically refers to the main mine facilities, SPDC = Sage Point Dugout Canyon, and REI is a methane recovery company with facilities immediately adjacent to the main mine site.

I discussed how frequently material would be taken to the site and graded with one of our engineers. The bin to store waste material holds about what three trucks will carry, so we suspect that, depending on how much waste material is encountered and the coal production rate, there would probably be material taken to the site at least once a week. Grading is generally accomplished so that the material will be compacted to four foot lifts. This would probably be done every month or so.

I think that we need to add some more detail in the plan on timing of disturbances on page 3-10, and I would appreciate knowing what other concerns you have. I will be happy to coordinate a meeting with Soldier Creek where we can discuss needed mitigation and other problems.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in your review.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
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