

August 9, 1979

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Blazon Company
Blazon #1 Mine
Carbon County, Utah
ACT/007/021

The site of this proposed underground coal mining operation was inspected by Mary Ann Wright and Jim Smith on July 12, 1979. It had been purported that there was some mining activity in the area, but none was observed on this date.

The area is located along perennial Mud Creek, above the town of Clear Creek south of Scofield, Utah. Approximately 6 to 7 acres, as estimated from the mine plan map, is expected to be disturbed. Currently, there is no evidence of past mining at this site. Photos of the area were taken to document the present conditions.

The vegetation in this area is typical of a high mountain environment. The portal area is proposed on a southwest facing slope comprised primarily of aspen and sagebrush. The area along the creek which will be culverted is typically riparian vegetation consisting of willow and maple associations. The northeast facing slopes were primarily covered by spruce and fir.

Mud Creek, which is a good quality stream as evidenced by the number and kinds of arthropods observed (caddis and stonefly larvae; no leaches or bloodworms), will be culverted through the area where the surface facilities will be located.

Another site inspection should be made with representatives from Blazon Company to discuss their mining plan in more detail since this specific area has not been previously disturbed and caution should be exercised at the onset to minimize the environmental impacts.

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cc: Office of Surface Mining

Note: For travel statistics see Eureka Energy Company (Pacific Gas & Electric) Memo dated August 7, 1979 (Sagepoint-Dugout Canyon Mine).