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TO: Lowell Braxton, Administrator, Mineral Resource
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FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Biologist *LK*

RE: Differences in Interim vs. Permanent Program Regulations
Applicable to the Proposed Reclamation Plan for the
Blazon #1 Mine ACT/007/021, Folder #14, Carbon Co. Utah

As per your request, I have outlined the significant differences in the reclamation standards under the Interim vs. Permanent Program Regulations. While the wording is different, the standards are essentially the same for postmining land use and revegetation except as noted below:

Landuse:

Interim - For a change in land use, requires letter of commitment from parties other than the permittee (MC 715.13(d)(4)).

Permanent - Requires letter from parties other than the operator (UMC 817.133(c)(4)).

Interim - requires a 30 to 60 day comment period for interested citizens, and local, state and federal agencies (MC 715.13(d)(10)).

Permanent - Requires a 60 day comment period for local, state and federal agencies (UMC 817.133(c)(1) and (8))

Revegetation:

Interim - Ground cover shall equal 90% of the reference area (RA) for 2 seasons (MC 715.20(f)(2) - no reference to statistical confidence of sampling or specific standards for productivity or woody plant density (MC 715.20(a)(2) and (f)(3)).

Permanent - (for wildlife habitat) Cover must equal 70% of RA with 90% statistical confidence, productivity must equal 90% of RA with 90% statistical confidence, woody plant density must equal 90% of RA with 90% statistical confidence (UMC 817.116 - .117). Must meet standard for last 2 years of a 10 year liability period (UMC 817.116(b)(1)(ii)).