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Environmental Services



March 13, 1980

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Dear Ms. Wright:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of March 3, 1980, and upon review of the "Consultation Procedures for Fish and Wildlife Studies," the Environmental and Permitting Services Group for the Beaver Creek Coal Company would like to submit this formal request to begin the consultation process. The Huntington Canyon No. 4 Mine's OSM permit requires the submission of a wildlife survey plan within two months of approval (by May 9, 1980) as a provision of Special Stipulation #24. We also anticipate the need for similar wildlife survey plans for the Gordon Creek Mines No. 2, 3, and 6 and for the CV Spur facilities in order to prepare revised Mine and Reclamation plans under the Permanent Program.

In order to determine what fish and wildlife resources information will be required, to determine the level of detail and to determine the areas of study, we request the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining to commence to consultation process for each of these operations. Enclosed pursuant to the Consultation Procedures are the following:

- 1) Two maps of each area showing the permit area and adjacent areas with the proposed and/or existing facilities,
- 2) A short narrative of the operation of each site,
- 3) Legal description,
- 4) Notice of the coal and surface ownership. (This will be sent later.)

We would appreciate knowing those dates which would be convenient for you for the purpose of making the required

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site visits. It is anticipated that both an Environmental and Permitting Services staff member and a mine operations representative will be available to accompany the Division's biologist.

It is our current plan to select a qualified consultant and commence the necessary wildlife surveys based on the plan developed under this consultation process as soon as possible this spring. According to the OSM Special Stipulation #24, submission of a completed survey at the Huntington Canyon No. 4 Mine is due to OSM by December 31, 1980. Submission of the completed surveys for the other properties are expected to be within 60 days of approval by OSM of the Utah State program.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact me (303) 575-7504 or Dan Guy (801) 637-5050.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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CASTLE VALLEY SPUR

The area under Beaver Creek Company control at Castle Valley Spur is 160 acres, located approximately 5 miles SE of Price, Utah. Of this amount, approximately 84.33 acres are considered involved in the disturbed area. Coal is hauled from the mine sites to Castle Valley Spur.

There the coal will be weighed as it is brought in and then dumped into an underground hopper. The raw coal will be crushed to -3" and loaded onto a covered conveyor, where it is deposited into a coal stacking tube and stock-piled. The raw coal is then drawn from this pile through underground feeders, onto a cover conveyor and fed into the preparation plant. The cleaned coal is taken from the plant via a covered conveyor, and again placed into a stacking tube. This coal is recovered via underground feeders, and carried by a covered conveyor to a totally enclosed 10,000-ton silo for unit-train loading. The refuse from coal cleaning is disposed on site.

Legal Description

T15S, R10E, SLM, Utah
Section 11: SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Containing 160 acres.