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November 4, 1996

Doug Koza
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Re: Willow Creek North Tract, Willow Creek Mine, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, ACT/007/038, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. ^{Doug} Koza:

Thank you for notification about the proposed coal sale for the Willow Creek North Tract on December 18 1996, per your letter dated October 24, 1996. The Division's permit for the Willow Creek Mine issued on April 23, 1996 does not include this tract but was contemplated by Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation because it is adjacent to the currently approved permit area.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this action and look forward to working with your agency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Carter".

James W. Carter
Director

cc: Lowell Braxton
Mary Ann Wright

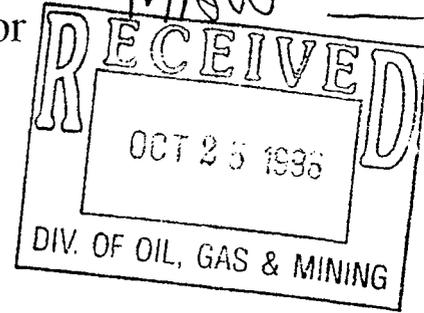




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CERTIFIED MAIL--Return Receipt Requested

Mr. James W. Carter, Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Dear Mr. Carter:

On March 25, 1995, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation filed a coal lease application with this office, which was assigned Serial No. UTU-73975, commonly referred to as the Willow Creek North Tract.

The coal resource to be offered as the Willow Creek North Tract consists of all coal recoverable in the following described lands located in Carbon County, Utah.

T. 12 S., R. 9 E., SLM
Sec. 25, lots 1-4, W2E2, W2 (all);
Sec. 26, E2E2.

T. 12 S., R. 10 E., SLM
Sec. 28, E2, E2W2, SWNW, W2SW;
Sec. 29, N2N2, S2NW, NWSW, E2SE;
Sec. 30, lots 1-4, NE, E2W2, N2SE, SWSE.

containing 2,299.40 acres

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to hold a coal sale for the Willow Creek North Tract on December 18, 1996.

In accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 3420.4-3, we are requesting your recommendations as to whether to lease the above described lands. Although the regulations allow 30 days for your comments, your earliest response would be greatly appreciated.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for leasing of the Willow Creek North Tract, and the Finding of No Significant Impact/Decision Record (FONSI/DR) will follow under separate cover.

Deputy State Director,
Natural Resources