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**Re: Willow Creek Storm Damage**

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**Daron Haddock** <daronhaddock@utah.gov>

Tue, Sep 17, 2013 at 7:36 AM

To: Dennis Ware &lt;dware@alphanr.com&gt;

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Dennis,

Looks like you really got a gully washer. It sounds like you are staying on top of the situation and working to get things repaired. If you can document the magnitude of the storm event, that would be great. We will look forward to getting your plans for repair to the channels. Thanks for keeping us informed.

Daron

On Mon, Sep 16, 2013 at 8:47 PM, Dennis Ware <dware@alphanr.com> wrote:

Daron,

On Monday September 16 Steve Demczak (DOGM Inspector for the Willow Creek Permit) notified me that there had been some water damage to the main channel at the Willow Creek reclaimed refuse pile site. Steve and I jointly inspected the site with shortly thereafter. The attached photo shows the area that sustained the damage. In addition to the damage at the refuse pile main channel shown in the photo, some minor damage was also observed in the two short channels just to the south of the main channel near the roadway.

As best as I have been able to determine, the storm event that caused the damage likely occurred on Friday September 13th. I inspected the site on Wednesday, September 11th and did not see any damage. I spoke with employees at the Carbon Power Plant who informed me that the Power Plant sustained substantial water damage at and near their ash pile (approximately 1 mile south of Willow Creek refuse pile drainage) which they believe occurred as a result of the heavy rain storm on Friday afternoon and evening on September 13th.

Plateau Mining Corporation is moving quickly to address the situation. EarthFax Engineering will be on site tomorrow (Tuesday Sept. 17th) to inspect the damage and to begin putting together a repair plan which Plateau Mining Corporation will submit to your office for approval before any work begins. In addition, we have began gathering information from nearby weather stations in order to determine the magnitude of the storm event.

I will keep you up to speed on what we are doing and will work diligently to submit a repair plan to DOGM as soon as possible. If there is anything further you need from me at this time please let me know. As always, if you or any of your staff would like to visit the site I am more than happy to accommodate you.

Respectfully,

Dennis Ware  
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