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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Transfer of Application for Permit
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
Dugout Canyon Mine**

Notice is hereby given that Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, 555 Seventeenth Street, Denver Colorado 80202, on or about November 19, 1996, submitted a Request for Transfer of Permit Application for the pending mine permit application submitted for the Dugout Canyon Mine to the State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. The original applicant, Soldier Creek Coal Company, P.O. Box 1, Price, Utah 84501, will be merged into Canyon Fuel Company, LLC on or about December 20, 1996. In conjunction with the anticipated merger and change in the name of the applicant, the Canyon Fuel Company, LLC filed the Request for Transfer of Permit Application in advance of closing to obtain approval to transfer the Dugout Canyon Mine application from Soldier Creek Coal Company to Canyon Fuel Company, LLC and to otherwise revise the information in Chapter 1 of the application consistent with the change in the name of the applicant. In all other respects, the original application will be unmodified by the transfer.

Approval by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining of the transfer will allow substitution of the Canyon Fuel Company, LLC as the applicant and permittee for the Dugout Mining Permit. Approval of the amended permit application will allow mining operations at the permit area. The permit area will include property presently owned by Soldier Creek Coal Company located within Section 23, Township 13 S., Range 12 E and certain state leases. This location is approximately 12 miles northeast of Wellington, Utah. The properties to be mined include the following:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

- Lease ML-42648 - (3640 acres) - Approved
 - T. 13 S., R. 12 E., SLBM, Utah
 - Section 8: E 1/2
 - Section 10: S 1/2
 - Section 11: S 1/2
 - Section 14 and 15: All
 - Section 17: NE 1/4; E 1/2 SW 1/4; SE 1/4
 - Section 20: E 1/2 NW 1/4; SW 1/4 NW 1/4; N 1/2 NE 1/4
 - Section 21: N 1/2 NW 1/4; NE 1/4
 - Section 22: N 1/2; N 1/2 S 1/2
 - Section 23: W 1/2 NW 1/4

- Lease ML-42649 - (2212 acres) - Approved
 - T. 13 S., R. 12 E., SLBM, Utah
 - Section 3: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S 1/2 (all)
 - Section 4: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S 1/2 (all)
 - Section 4: Lots 1, 2, SE 1/4
 - Section 9: All
 - Section 10: N 1/2
 - Section 11: N 1/2

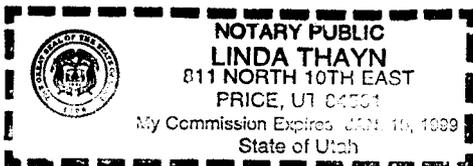
Fee land owned by Soldier Creek Coal Company (800) acres as described below:

- T. 13 S., R. 12 E., SLBM, Utah
- Section 16: All
- Section 23: E 1/2 NW 1/4; W 1/2 NE 1/4

Copies of the complete Request for Revision of Permit Application are available for public inspection at the Carbon County Clerk's Office, Carbon County Court House, 120 Main Street, Price, Utah 84501 and at the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and mining offices at 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah 82114-5801.

Written comments, objections, and requests for informal conferences regarding the Application for Revision of Permit Application must be submitted, within 30 days of the date of the publication of this notice, to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 155801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

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