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RE: Administrative Completeness Review, Andalex Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, PRO/007/041-98A, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SYNOPSIS

The Mining and Reclamation Permit Application Package was received from Andalex Resources, Inc., on January 26, 1998 for the proposed West Ridge Mine. This document supplies the Administrative Completeness Review for soils, Section R645-301-200.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Directions: **The categories listed below correspond to the minimum requirements for information necessary to initiate processing and public review. If a category is checked the Applicant has met the Completeness requirement for that category. If a category is not checked, the Completeness requirements have not been met. The comments column will identify the deficiency and what is necessary to correct it.**

			Comments
301-200	Soils	✔	
211	Description of Premining Soil Resources	✔	
221	Prime Farmland Investigation	✔	
222	Soil Survey	✔	
224	Substitute Topsoil Info (When Proposed)	✔	
230	Operation Plan: **Topsoil Handling/Removal/Storage**	✔	

240	Reclamation Plan: **Soil Redistribution/Stabilization**	✔	
302-210	Experimental Practices Mining	✔	→
302-321	Alluvial Valley Floor Determination	✔	→

RECOMMENDATIONS

Organize Experimental Practices into one section within the Mine Reclamation Plan (MRP). Other references and discussions as now existing may stay. The success of this project hinges on approval of the projected Experimental Practices. Experimental Practices has not been a common occurrence in reviewing MRPs. Having an organized, concise presentation (e.g., Experimental Practices Section) will facilitate the Division and the U.S. Office of Surface Mining to give a more complete and timely review while coordinating our review efforts.

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