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Jean Semborski, Environmental Coordinator
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Re: Determination of Administrative Completeness, West Ridge Mine Application, Andalex Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine. PRO/007/041-98A, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Semborski:

The Division has completed a review of the additional information you submitted dated April 7, 1998, which amended the West Ridge Mine Application Package. The purpose of this review was to determine the Administrative Completeness of your application or in other words determine if the application contains all information necessary to initiate processing and public review. With the additional information which you supplied, your application is now considered to be administratively complete. There are some "Right-of-Entry" problems with your plan that we are aware of (no right of entry for Township 14 South, Range 13 East, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 10; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 15; and a portion of Sect. 16), but we feel that your application is adequate at this time to initiate processing. The record is clear that lease applications are pending with the appropriate surface management agencies. Certainly the official right-of-entry will need to be obtained before a permit can be issued.

A technical review of your plan has been initiated. Technical deficiencies will be forwarded to you as individual reviews are completed. The Division will also coordinate with other agencies and incorporate their comments into our review process. Issues raised will need to be resolved prior to permit issuance.

At this time you should publish a Notice of Complete Application for the West Ridge Mine as required by R645-300-121. A copy of the publication should be sent to the Division as soon as it is available. You should also insure that a copy of the application is on file at the Carbon County Courthouse. The Division will complete a technical analysis which must find that your application is technically complete. We anticipate that additional information may be necessary to make your application technically complete and look forward to working with you throughout the permitting process. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

cc: Mary Ann Wright
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