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MEMORANDUM

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To: Sylvia Bada, Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management

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From: Kathy Karpan, Director, Office of Surface Mining

Subject: Recommendation for Approval of a New Mining Plan for Federal Lease SL-068754-U-01205 at West Bridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, Carbon County, Utah

I recommend approval without special conditions, of a new mining plan for the West Ridge Mine, submitted by West Ridge Resources. My recommendation to approve a new mining plan for the West Ridge Mine mining plan is based on:

- (1) West Ridge Resources complete permit application package (PAP) including the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2);
- (2) compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969;
- (3) documentation assuring compliance with applicable requirements of other Federal laws, regulations, and executive orders;
- (4) comments and recommendations or concurrence of other Federal agencies, and the public;
- (5) the findings and recommendations of the Bureau of Land Management regarding the R2P2, the Federal lease requirements, and the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended; and
- (6) the findings and recommendations of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining regarding the PAP and the Utah State program.

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The Secretary may approve a Mining Plan for Federal leases under 30 U.S.C. §§ 207(c) and 1273(c). Under 30 CFR Chapter VII, Subchapter D, I find that the proposed mining plan will be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The decision document for the proposed mining plan action is attached.

Attachment

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UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

This mining plan approval document is issued by the United States of America to:

West Ridge Resources, Inc.,
P.O. Box 902
Price, UT 84501

for the West Ridge Mine new mining plan for Federal lease SL-068754-U-01215 subject to the following conditions. West Ridge Resources, Inc. is hereinafter referred to as the operator.

1. Statutes and Regulations.--This new mining plan approval is issued pursuant to Federal lease SL-068754-U-01215; the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.); and in the case of acquired lands, the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351 et seq.) This mining plan approval is subject to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior which are now or hereafter in force; and all such regulations are made a part hereof. The operator shall comply with the provisions of the Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), and other applicable Federal laws.
2. This document approves the West Ridge Mine new mining plan for Federal lease SL-068754-U-01215, and authorizes coal development or mining operations on the Federal lease within the areas of mining plan approval. This authorization is not valid beyond:

Township 14 South, Range 13 East, Salt Lake Meridian

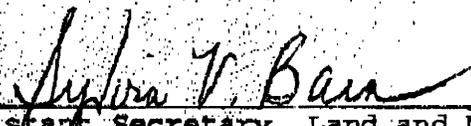
Section 10: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SE1/4SE1/4;
Section 11: All
Section 12: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4;
Section 13: NW1/4, S1/2, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4;
Section 14: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4;
Section 15: NE1/4NE1/4;
Section 24: N1/2SE1/4, N1/2, NE1/4SW1/4

These lands encompass 2,651 acres as shown on the map appended hereto as Attachment A.
3. The operator shall conduct coal development and mining operations only as described in the complete permit

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application package, and approved by Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, except as otherwise directed in the conditions of this mining plan approval.

4. The operator shall comply with the terms and conditions of the leases, this mining plan approval, and the requirements of the Utah Permit No. ACT/007/041 issued under the Utah State program, approved pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.).
5. This mining plan approval shall be binding on any person conducting coal development or mining operations under the approved mining plan and shall remain in effect until superseded, canceled, or withdrawn.
6. If during mining operations unidentified prehistoric or historic resources are discovered, the operator shall ensure that the resources are not disturbed and shall notify Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM). The operator shall take such actions as are required by Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in coordination with OSM.
7. The Secretary retains jurisdiction to modify or cancel this approval, as required, on the basis of further consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.


Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management

JUN 30 1999
Date