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Mr. Dave Shaver
West Ridge Resources, Inc.
P.O. Box 1077
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Dear Mr. Shaver:

On March 25, 2002, the Department of the Interior approved a mining plan modification for Federal lease UTU-78562 at West Ridge Resources, Inc.'s West Ridge Mine. Approval of this mining plan modification supplements the mining plan for Federal lease SL-068754 at your West Ridge Mine. This mining plan action relates to Federal lands associated with Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining's permitting action entitled Whitmore Canyon Extension West Ridge Mine C/007/041-PM01H for your mine and approved on February 15, 2002.

I have enclosed a copy of the mining plan decision document for this mining plan modification. Please read the terms and conditions of the mining plan approval document contained therein. Mining and reclamation operations must be conducted in accordance with both the Utah state permit and the approved mining plan.

The March 25, 2002, approval allows you to mine 15 million tons of Federal coal from 1646 acres of Federal lease UTU-78562. The approval brings the number of acres in the approved mining plan area to 4297 acres.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 303-844-1400 Ext1499.

Sincerely

Larry Kline
Project Manager

Enclosure

cc: BLM Price Field Office
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