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**From:** Suzanne Steab  
**To:** Dave Shaver  
**CC:** Daron Haddock; Dave Darby; Ingrid Wieser; Jim Smith  
**Date:** 2/12/2009 6:02 PM  
**Subject:** 2008 Annual Reports  
**Attachments:** AnnualReportLetter.pdf; westridge.pdf; West Ridge Mine C0070041A.doc

Hello Dave,

Attached is the 2008 Annual Report for West Ridge C0070041, the Annual Report Letter and a Commitments Review Letter for West Ridge.

Thanks

This Annual Report shows information the Division has for your mine. Please review the information to see if it is current. If the information needs to be updated please do so in this document. At the end of each section the operator is asked to verify if the information is correct. Please answer these questions and make all comments on this document. Submit the completed document and any additional information identified in the Appendicies to the Division by April 30, 2009. During a complete inspection an inspector will check and verify the information. To enter text, click in the cell and type your response. You can use the tab key to move from one field to the next. To enter an X in a box, click next to the box, right click, and select properties, then the checked circle, then hit enter, or hit the unchecked circle if the X is to be removed.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Permitte Name West Ridge Resources

Mine Name West Ridge Mine

Operator Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(If other then permittee)

Permit Expiration Date April 1, 2009

Permit Number C/007/0041

Authorized Representative Title Dave Shaver, Manager

Phone Number (435) 888-4000

Fax Number (435) 888-4002

E-mail Address dshaver@utahamerican.com

Mailing Address West Ridge Resources, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1077  
Price, Utah 84501

Designated Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Agent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Binders Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Operator, please update any incorrect information.

**IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER PERMITS**

Identify other permits that are required in conjunction with mining and reclamation activities.

Permit Type	ID Number	Description	Expiration Date
MSHA Mine ID(s)	42-02233	Underground Coal Mine	NA
MSHA Impoundment(s)	NA		
NPDES/UPDES Permit(s)	UTG040013		04/30/2008
PSD Permit(s) (Air)	DAQE-055-99		NA
<b>Other</b>			

**Title: EXPERIMENTAL PRACTICE FIELD TRIALS.****Objective:** Monitoring to support proposed Experimental Practice.**Frequency:** Annual Evaluation in June.**Status:** Ongoing.**Reports:** Provide in annual report a comparison of growth on field trials with Douglas/Fir reference area..**Citation:** App. 2-6 and Map 2-4.**Operator:** Has this commitment been acted on this year?Yes  No  Not required this year.  If yes, comment;**Operator Comments:****Inspector:**Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes  No **Inspector Comments:****Title: SOIL SAMPLING OF FILL AT T1, T2, T3****Objective:** To protect buried substitute topsoil in the fill.**Frequency:** Annual Evaluation during field season.**Status:** Ongoing.**Reports:** Provide information in Annual Report.**Citation:** App. 2-6 Addendum and Map 2-4.**Operator:** Has this commitment been acted on this year?Yes  No  Not required this year.  If yes, comment;**Operator Comments:****Inspector:**Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes  No **Inspector Comments:**

**Title: RECLAMATION MONITORING****Objective:** Visually assess the revegetation success.**Frequency:** Quarterly for the first three years and June of each year thereafter.**Status:** Implement at reclamation.**Reports:** Annually.**Citation:** Volume I, chapter three, page 3-16, paragraph 2.**Operator:** Has this commitment been acted on this year?Yes  No  Not required this year.  If yes, comment;**Operator Comments:****Inspector:**Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes  No **Inspector Comments:**

Landuse, Cultural Resources, Air Quality R645-301- 400

**Title: CULTURAL RESOURCES****Objective:** If during the course of mining operations, previously unidentified cultural resources are discovered, the Permittee shall ensure that the site(s) is not disturbed and shall notify the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. The Division, after coordination with OSM, shall inform the Permittee of necessary actions required. The Permittee shall implement the mitigation measures required by the Division within the time frame specified by the Division.**Frequency:** As needed.**Status:** Ongoing.**Reports:** Annual.**Citation:** Permit Condition Sec. 16.**Operator:** Has this commitment been acted on this year?Yes  No  Not required this year.  If yes, comment;**Operator Comments:****Inspector:**Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes  No **Inspector Comments:**

Engineering R645-301-500.

**Title:** VISUAL SUBSIDENCE INSPECTION IN BEAR CANYON AFTER THE LONGWALL PASSES UNDER (projected for spring 2007).

**Objective:** To visually check for subsidence damage.

**Frequency:** When Bear Canyon is undermined.

**Status:** On going.

**Reports:** Committed to submitting 30 days after the inspection.

**Citation:** Chapter 5, Volume 2, page 5-23bto5-23e.

**Operator:** Has this commitment been acted on this year?

Yes  No  Not required this year.  If yes, comment;

**Operator Comments:**

**Inspector:**

Has the operator complied with this commitment? Yes  No

**Inspector Comments:**

Geology R645-301-600

Hydrology R645-301-700

Bonding & Insurance R645-301-800

**Other Commitments**


\*Reminder: If equipment has been abandoned during 2008, an amendment must be submitted that includes a map showing its location, a description of what was abandoned, whether there were any hazardous or toxic materials and any revision to the PHC as necessary.

**REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA**

List other technical data and information as required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as Appendix B to this report or currently on file with the Division.

**Operator Comments:**

**Inspector:**

Has the operator complied with this section? Yes  No

**Inspector Comments:**

**LEGAL, FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND RELATED INFORMATION**



**APPENDIX A**

**Certified Reports**

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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Executive Director

### Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

JOHN R. BAZA  
Division Director

February 11, 2009

All Coal Operators

Subject: 2008 Coal Mining Annual Reports for Active and Inactive Coal Mines, Outgoing File

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed, please find an updated 2008 Annual Report document. This single document is to be used by the operator, the inspector, and the DOGM staff. This 2008 Annual Report document is being sent in a format that is compatible with most word-processing programs, and you should be able to open the file and enter your information directly into the form electronically. When completed, it can be submitted to the Division electronically. If for some reason you cannot make use of this electronic format, please fill out a hard copy and mail it to the Division at:

Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1594 W. North Temple, Suite 1210  
Post Office Box 145801  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

The 2008 Annual Report form includes entries for regulatory requirements, such as annual impoundment certification; however, many Mining and Reclamation Plans include unique, mine-specific commitments that also must be reported annually. The Division has compiled these commitments for each mine and incorporated them into a 2008 Annual Report form that is distinct for each mine. Both these commitments and the regulatory requirements need to be addressed in the 2008 Annual Report. Timing for the 2008 Annual Report submittal is outlined below.

- The Division will send out 2008 Annual Report forms by February 28, 2009.
- The Operator will submit the required information by May 15, 2009.
- The Inspectors will review 2008 Annual Report information during a complete inspection by July 31, 2009. If required information is not included, the Division can initiate enforcement and compliance action.
- If the Inspector determines that more review is needed of a specific item, the Inspector will comment and forward the 2008 Annual Report to an assigned staff member.
- This additional review will be handled separately, as a Special Project, and completed by October 31, 2009.





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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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Division Director

February 12, 2009

Dave Shaver, Manager  
West Ridge Resources, Inc.  
P.O. Box 910  
East Carbon, Utah 84520-0910

Subject: Annual Report Commitments Review, West Ridge Resources, West Ridge Mine, C/007/0041

Dear Mr. Shaver:

The Division has reviewed your Annual Report commitments and your response on the 2007 Annual Report.

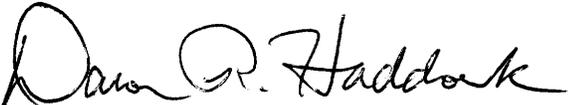
The Division has determined that there are some commitments that have not been completed. The commitments that are overdue must be addressed in the 2008 annual report. These commitments are listed as an attachment to this letter.

As requested by West Ridge Resources in the 2007 Annual Report, the Division has reviewed and removed the commitment titled, 'Mexican Spotted Owl Survey' from the commitment list. West Ridge Resources is not required to conduct this survey.

If you have any questions about this review or the overdue commitments, please feel free to contact the Division.

Please respond to these commitments as soon as possible, and submit all relevant reports to the Division in the 2008 annual report.

Sincerely,

  
Daron R. Haddock  
Permit Supervisor

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Attachment  
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## Commitment List

The members of the review team include the following individuals:

Ingrid Wieser                      801-538-5318

The following commitments are part of the annual commitment checklist for West Ridge Mine. Each commitment is followed by a short description of why it is incomplete.

**Title: COLOR INFRARED AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Objective:** To monitor potential changes in vegetation due to subsidence from longwall mining practices

**Frequency:** Once every five years.

**Status:** Overdue

**Reports:** Annual

**Citation:** Volume I, Chapter 3, Page 3-8, paragraph 3.

This commitment was listed in the original submittal of the MRP in 1999. This commitment should have been acted upon in 2000 for baseline information and then again in 2005. However, no infrared aerial photographs have been submitted and the Permittee listed the commitment "not applicable" in 2006 (the first year the new annual report checklist was used by the Division) and in 2007. The permittee must conduct infrared aerial photography in order to comply with this commitment and to record the effects of subsidence on vegetation.

**Title: WILDLIFE AWARENESS PROGRAM**

**Objective:** To inform employees of the wildlife and the need for protection in the mine facilities and access road areas.

**Frequency:** As needed

**Status:** Ongoing

**Reports:** Annual

**Citation:** Volume I Chapter 3, page 3-10, paragraph 5.

This commitment has not been included in the annual reports. A summary of the results of this commitment needs to be included in the annual report describing how the employees were informed.

**Title: SUBSIDENCE MONITORING**

**Objective:** To monitor subsidence from longwall mining practices.

**Frequency:** plan commits to subsidence monitoring of panels until the effects of mining have stabilized and vertical movement is less than six inches/ year.

**Status:** On going

**Reports:** Annual Report

**Citation:** Volume II, Chapter 5, page 5-22.

Only raw data has been submitted. In order to fulfill this commitment, the Permittee must submit an analysis of the data and a map with the subsidence contours overlying the mine area.