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State of Utah
Board Of Oil Gas And Mining
Douglas E, Johnson, Chairman

Dear Sir's

I understand how important the coal reserve is to the economy, but I also understand the importance of the water we cannot survive without it.

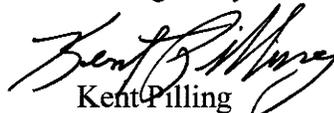
If this coal reserve is mined, ventilation bore holes and fractures to the surface needs to be carefully monitored for surface water, and water flows recorded, if technology does not exist that will provide for the protection of the waters in the Grassy Trail Creek and the associated aquifer, then mining of this reserve should be postponed until such technology does exist, and access to this reserve should not be mined out preventing future mining.

As a part of this project [reservoir relocation] the possibility of sealing off or diverting the water from flowing into the old mine works of the Sunnyside no. 1 mine should be explored, and sealed off if at all possible.

We don't need to look very far to see the results of mining under the Grassy Trail drainage in Whitmore Canyon, the Sunnyside no. 1 mine is what I am referring to, the coal reserve is gone and so is the aquifer water. This seems to me to be a loser we should expect a win at least, [win by protecting the water]

I would very much appreciate a hydrologist from the Utah Division Of Oil Gas And mining visit me at the Big Springs Ranch and review the depletion of water to the springs in the area.

Thank You
For listening to my concerns.



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