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December 4, 1981

Mr. Robert Hagen, Director
Office of Surface Mining, Region V
Brooks Towers
1020 Fifteenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

RE: Mining Lower Hiawatha
Seam
Beaver Creek Coal Co.
Huntington Canyon #4 Mine
ACT/015/004
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hagen:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has reviewed information submitted by Beaver Creek Coal Company to begin mining the Lower Hiawatha Seam which, in our opinion, adequately addresses special stipulation #4 in the Office of Surface Mining's January 30, 1981, approval to mine at Huntington Canyon #4.

The stipulation stated that Beaver Creek Coal Company will submit plans for construction of any portals or other surface facilities required to mine federal leases held in the Lower Hiawatha Coal Seam. The response to this stipulation from Beaver Creek Coal Company was addressed to the USGS following a request to commence mining in the Lower Hiawatha seam (Federal Leases SL-064902 and U-33454). Beaver Creek Coal Company has stated that there will be no additional surface disturbances and that they will enter these leases underground from the Blind Canyon seam via rock tunnels.

Therefore, I request OSM's concurrence in finding this stipulation adequately addressed and approving said plan. Enclosed is all information pertinent to satisfying this stipulation.

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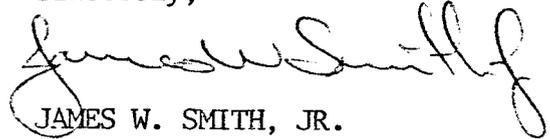
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Your prompt response in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Sally Kefer or myself with any concerns that you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,



JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND DEVELOPMENT

Enclosures

cc: Dan Guy, Beaver Creek Coal Co.
Jackson Moffitt, USGS

JWS/SK/btb