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Dear Mr. Smith:

In keeping with Beaver Creek Coal Company's agreement to provide to the Division an annual deer road-kill report, you will please find enclosed report forms for the period May, 1981, to May, 1982, (see attachments). Provided below is my analysis of the data collected in terms of the number of kills recorded at or near each property. They are as follows:

GORDON CREEK AREA (#2/#3/#6)

12/18/81 - 1 deer road kill. Gordon Creek Road, ½ mile east of lower fields (approximately 4 miles east of #2 Mine). Type of vehicle or personnel unknown. DWR officials were seen one-half hour after kill was reported, investigating the accident scene.

1/18/82 - 1 deer road kill. Gordon Creek Road, 3/4 mile east of Wildcat Siding. Type of vehicle or personnel unknown.

1/20/82 - 1 deer road kill. Gordon Creek Road, 1 mile west of Wildcat Siding. Type of vehicle or personnel unknown. Carcass was missing, but internal organs were on the road.

2/9/82 - 1 deer road kill. Gordon Creek Road, 300' east of railroad tracks. Type of vehicle or personnel unknown.

2/16/82 - 1 deer road kill. Gordon Creek Road, 1/3 mile west of U.S. 6 Junction, near Lowdermilk Rock Products entrance. Type of vehicle or personnel unknown.

2/28/82 - 2 deer road kills. Gordon Creek Road, 0.6 mile and 2.1 miles east of railroad tracks. Types of vehicles or personnel unknown.

3/8/82 - 2 deer road kills. Gordon Creek Road, 1.7 miles west of Wildcat Siding. Types of vehicles or personnel unknown.

3/15/82 - 1 deer road kill. Gordon Creek Road, 4 miles above Wildcat Siding. Type of vehicle or personnel unknown.

Throughout the winter months, from December through early May, deer were observed close to the roadway. The main herd at one point in time, numbered in excess of 300 - 400 head, and was observed migrating along the Gordon Creek Road all winter long.

HUNTINGTON CANYON #4 MINE

6/1/81 - 1 deer road kill. 4.0 miles east of Power Plant on Utah #31. Type of vehicle or personnel unknown.

1/19/82 - 1 deer road kill. 1.8 miles east of #4 Mine entrance on Utah #31. Type of vehicle or personnel unknown.

2/10/82 - 1 deer road kill. .6 mile east of Deer Creek Mine entrance on Utah #31. Type of vehicle or personnel unknown.

2/22/82 - 3 deer road kills. 3/4 mile east of Deer Creek Mine entrance on Utah #31, 5.5 miles and 5.8 miles west of Utah #10/Utah #31 Junction. Type of vehicles or personnel unknown.

5/7/82 - 2 deer road kills. 1 mile and .4 mile west of Deer Creek Mine entrance on Utah #31. Types of vehicles or personnel unknown. Kills were dated.

With the exception of one kill, all reported fatalities were in the vicinity of the Power Plant and Deer Creek Mine. Deer have been observed year-round in that vicinity and pose a risk to any travelers on Utah Highway #31. There were no kills on the #4 Mine haul road leading up Mill Fork Canyon.

A total of 18 separate kills have been reported for the period of May, 1981, to May, 1982. Please note that all kills have occurred on public highways and not on BCCC controlled roads. Duplication of road kills is evident in only two instances. To make your review easier, the road-kill forms have been attached.

Interviews with truck drivers, mine personnel and Company officials have shown that there was no contact with deer by Beaver Creek Coal Company personnel on BCCC controlled roads. We hope that this information will prove helpful in your impact analysis. It is our opinion that Beaver Creek mining activities have caused little impact on the local deer population.

Should you have or your colleagues have additional questions or require further information, please contact myself or Dan Guy at 637-5050.

Sincerely,

BEAVER CREEK COAL COMPANY

David R. Meyer
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Enclosures

cc: D. W. Guy/BCCC
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BEAVER CREEK COAL CO.
Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 1-18-82 Time 2 30 PM

Observer D.R. MEYER

Road and approximate location GORDON CR. RD. - 3/4 mi. east of Wilco

No. of deer 1 Sex Unknown

Fresh kill ____ Existing kill ✓

Type of vehicle involved not known

Comments kill looks ≈ 1 week old & is decomposing

Chenoweth 5/80

BEAVER CREEK COAL CO.
Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 12-18-81 Time 9:30 AM

Observer B. DEANGELME

Road and approximate location GORDON CR. CURVE 1/2 MI. EAST OF LOWER FIEL

No. of deer 1 Sex F

Fresh kill — Existing kill X

Type of vehicle involved ?

Comments Utah Div. of Wildlife was observed @ 10 00 AM investigating the kill - DR

Chenoweth 5/80

BEAVER CREEK COAL CO.
Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 2-9-82 Time 7:45 A.M

Observer Nick Carter

Road and approximate location Gordon Creek 1 Block from wildcat R.R tracks

No. of deer 1 Sex Yes

Fresh kill Yes Existing kill ____

Type of vehicle involved Unknown

Comments ____

Chenoweth 5/80

Date 1-20-82 Time 11:45

Observer Bill Allen

Road and approximate location 1 mile west of Wildcat Tracks

No. of deer 1 Sex unknown

Fresh kill ✓ Existing kill ____

Type of vehicle involved None

Comments Carcass was missing only internal organs (guts) were on the road.

Chenoweth 5/80

BEAVER CREEK COAL CO.
Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 2-16-82 Time 1 PM

Observer D.R. MEYER

Road and approximate location on Gordon Cr. @ Lowdermilk turnoff

No. of deer 1 Sex ?

Fresh kill X Existing kill

Type of vehicle involved ?

Comments kill was @ intersection of Gordon Cr. Rd. & Lowdermilk turnoff on South side.

Chenoweth 5/80

BEAVER CREEK COAL CO.
Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 2-9-82 Time Between 9 AM & 2 PM

Observer D.R. MEYER

Road and approximate location Gordon Cr. R
2.1 mile east of Wildcat Siding (RR-

No. of deer 1 Sex F

Fresh kill X Existing kill

Type of vehicle involved unknown

Comments neck appeared broken - doe was large and appeared to be struck broadside.

Chenoweth 5/80

Date 3-8-82 Time 12 00

Observer D.R. MEYER

Road and approximate location GORDON CR. RD. 1.7 MILES W. OF WHRHS.

No. of deer 2 Sex F

Fresh kill Existing kill X

Type of vehicle involved ?

Comments occurred between 3-4 & 3-8-82 - lying in dip in road - one was over the edge in the drainage

Chenoweth 5/80

Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 2-28-82 Time

Observer Steve Steiner

Road and approximate location Gordon Creek Rd. East from R.R. track 0.6 M. 2.1 M.

No. of deer 2 Sex

Fresh kill ✓ Existing kill

Type of vehicle involved

Comments

Chenoweth 5/80

BEAVER CREEK COAL CO.
Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 3-15-82 Time 4:10 PM

Observer Steve Steiner

Road and approximate location Gordon Creek, 4 miles above Warehouse

No. of deer 1 Sex

Fresh kill ✓ Existing kill

Type of vehicle involved

Comments Seen when going down road from mine. Did not see deer when going up road earlier.

Chenoweth 5/80

BEAVER CREEK COAL CO.
Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 2-8-82 Time 9:15 A

Observer Art Richardson

Road and approximate location GORDAN CK 1.7 mi ABove WHSE.

No. of deer 1 Sex

Fresh kill Existing kill X

Type of vehicle involved unknown

Comments

Chenoweth 5/80

Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 1-19-82 Time 11 45 AM

Observer D.R. MEYER

Road and approximate location 1.8 miles east of #4 Mine entrance on U31

No. of deer 1 Sex ?

Fresh kill Existing kill X

Type of vehicle involved unknown

Comments lying off [illegible] road [illegible]

Chenoweth 5/80

Date 6-1-81 Time 2 15 PM

Observer D.R. Meyer

Road and approximate location Road to #4 Mine ~ 4.0 miles E of Hunt Power

No. of deer 1 Sex ?

Fresh kill Existing kill ✓

Type of vehicle involved not known

Comments was lying in ditch on north side of road

Chenoweth 5/80

BEAVER CREEK COAL CO.
Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 2-22-82 Time 2 00 PM

Observer D.R. Meyer

Road and approximate location UT 31 ~ 3/4 mi. east of Deer Cr. Mine entr.

No. of deer 1 Sex

Fresh kill Existing kill ?

Type of vehicle involved ?

Comments

Chenoweth 5/80

BEAVER CREEK COAL CO.
Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 2-10-82 Time 1 30 PM

Observer D.R. Meyer

Road and approximate location UT #31 .6 mile east of Deer Cr. Mine en

No. of deer 1 Sex F

Fresh kill X Existing kill

Type of vehicle involved unknown

Comments was lying on so. si of road; injuries appear to be internal.

Chenoweth 5/80

Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 2-22-82 Time 2 30 PM

Observer D.R. Meyer

Road and approximate location UT 31 ~ 5.8 miles west of U10/U31 Jct.

No. of deer 1 Sex ?

Fresh kill Existing kill X

Type of vehicle involved ?

Comments

Chenoweth 5/80

Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 2-22-82 Time 2 30 PM

Observer D.R. MEYER

Road and approximate location UT 31 ~ 5.5 miles west of UT10/UT3

No. of deer 1 Sex ?

Fresh kill Existing kill X

Type of vehicle involved ?

Comments

Chenoweth 5/80

BEAVER CREEK COAL CO.

Deer Road-Kill Data Sheets

Date 5-7-82 Time 3 45 PM

Observer D.R. Meyer

Road and approximate location 2 - one 1 mile west/the other, 4 mi. w. of Deer Cr. Mine

No. of deer 2 Sex ?

Fresh kill _____ Existing kill X

Type of vehicle involved ?

Comments kills were a bit dated

Chenoweth 5/80