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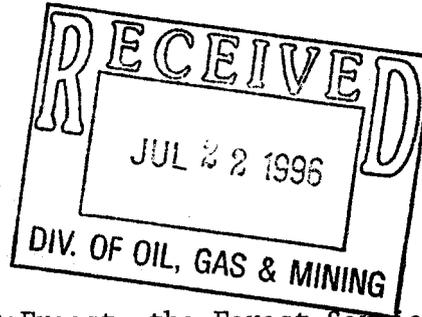
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Dear Pam,

As discussed between you and Jeff DeFreest, the Forest Service is unable to consent to the phase three bond release for the Huntington No. 4 Mine in Mill Fork Canyon at this time. It was our understanding that the phase three (final) bond release was planned for the field season of 1997 or 1998.

It was with this understanding that we opted to cancel the special use permit for the site containing the settling pond at the request of Mr. Dan Guy. Since the special use permit had no bond associated with it, and the reclamation bond on the mine itself served to protect the interests of the forest service, when Mr. Dan Guy requested the termination of the special use permit earlier this year, we consented. It was stated at that time that we were expecting the phase three bond release to take place two to three years in the future.

The reclamation and recontouring of the pond was only completed last summer, and the seeding not accomplished until last autumn. The vegetation on the site is still sparse, and we recommend the fence remain in place for at least one more year to allow for undisturbed revegetation. It is likely that it will take the next two growing seasons to properly establish grasses and assure that noxious weeds are not invading the site.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff DeFreest, District Geologist at 801-637-2817.

Sincerely,

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