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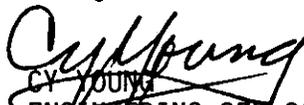
Memo to Coal Exploration File:

RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company
Wild Horse Ridge Exploration
EXP/015/007
Emery County, Utah

On the morning of November 3, 1982, Steve Cox, Ev Hooper and Cy Young met with Dave Meyer and Dick Robinson of Beaver Creek Coal Company to inspect the exploration road constructed in Bear Canyon, for the Wild Horse Ridge Exploration Project. The road follows a small side drainage to Bear Canyon, staying away from the drainage except for two stream crossings which are well culverted. The stream is intermittent but has good riparian habitat along its banks. Side drainages and stream bank areas of concern have been riprapped against erosion. Some large trees were removed during construction but most were left unharmed. It seems that a couple of larger snags, located away from the road, were cut down, but Beaver Creek representatives were unaware of who might have done the cutting.

The road leaves the intermittent drainage and switches back up the hillside to the proposed exploration site, which Beaver Creek hopes to use as a portal site if a mine is opened. Due to lack of topsoil on the steep slope, none was saved, but the pad site is small. The road and pad are well bermed but there may be a problem with some of the steep road cuts sloughing down onto the road. Beaver Creek representatives were cognizant of this potential problem and assured the Division that these areas will be maintained to the best of their ability to prevent erosion.

Division representatives were in agreement on the road being in compliance with the regulations and felt that Beaver Creek has done a commendable job in protecting the environment while constructing the road.


CY YOUNG
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Statistics:

Vehicle EX #885 - 182 miles