

File

September 24, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder  
 FROM: Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist <sup>TW</sup>  
 RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company, Wild Horse Ridge Mine,  
CEP/015/007, Emery County, Utah

On September 12, 1985, I conducted an inspection of the Wild Horse Ridge exploration site. Dan Guy of Beaver Creek Coal accompanied me on the inspection. The weather was sunny and warm.

This site consists of a Class #3 exploration road which runs up the ridge and a pad where drilling was done. The site was inspected last December and appeared stable at that time.

It appears that heavy rainstorms this summer have severely damaged the road. Gullies on the slopes above the road have washed out and the material was deposited on the road at 2 locations.

Tension cracks slumpage and piping was noted on the surface of the road especially above the first switch back. Five of the culverts routing runoff under the road were plugged sending water across the surface whenever heavy rainfall occurred.

As a result of this damage and a lack of maintenance or effort to reclaim this structure, Notice of Violation N85-8-12-1 was issued and reads as follows:

Nature of the Violation

Failure to maintain a Class III road to control or minimize erosion and siltation.

Provision of Regulation, ACT or Permit Violated

UMC 817.170

Portion of the Operation

Exploration road at Wild Hoarse Ridge

Remedial Action Required

- (A) Repair existing structures
- (B) Submit to the Division either plans to upgrade exploration road to Class II performance standards.

or

Commit to reclaim exploration road with work completed by November 30, 1985.

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Time for Abatement

Both actions, two weeks or no later than October 1, 1985.

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Ken May

Statistics: See Huntington #4 memo dated September 24, 1985  
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