

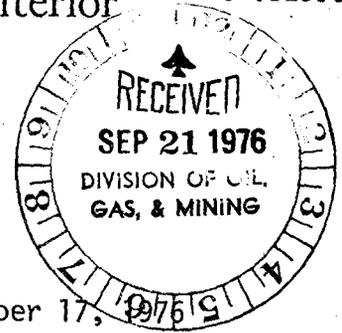


0001

United States Department of the Interior

U-082996

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Office of the Area Mining Supervisor
Conservation Division
8426 Federal Building
125 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138



September 17,

Mr. Cleon B. Feight, Director
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Feight:

The Trail Mountain Coal Company has submitted a proposal to this office to expand its Trail Mountain mine into Federal lease U-082996. This operation is located in Cottonwood Canyon, T. 17 S., R. 6 E., sec. 25, SLM, Emery County, Utah.

The surface facilities are all located on private land. Surface values of this Federal lease are administered by the U. S. Forest Service.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 requires that prior to the approval by the Federal Government of a mining proposal, an environmental analysis must be made to assess the impact of that proposal on the environment. To assist in the preparation of the environmental analysis, the Geological Survey has scheduled an onsite meeting with interested parties to apprise them of the scope of the proposed project and to solicit their comments and suggestions relative to protection of the environmental and resource values.

*Brian + Ken
Place on
calendar
Ken*

Interested parties will meet at the Commissioner's Room, Emery County Courthouse, Castle Dale, Utah, on October 5, 1976, at 9 a.m. Transportation will be provided from Castle Dale to the proposed mine site. Plans will be reviewed prior to the onsite inspection. The review and onsite inspection are expected to be completed by 1 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the onsite inspection, you are invited to submit written comments to this office. A copy of the Trail Mountain Coal Company proposal can be inspected at this office, or by contacting the company's office at Orangeville, Utah.

*Ron + Bob
try to make
it.*

Sincerely yours,

Ralph J. Blumer

Ralph J. Blumer
Mining Engineer

CIRCULATE TO:

DIRECTOR _____
PETROLEUM ENGINEER _____
MINE COORDINATOR _____
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT _____
ALL _____
RETURN TO *Blumer*
FOR FILING

