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Litt Trail co
mtn coal co
M3524
Utah 082996
(U-942)
ACT/015/009

Bureau of Land Management
Utah State Office
University Club Building
136 East South Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

DEC 18 1978

Honorable Scott M. Matheson
Governor of Utah
State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Governor Matheson:

An application for modification of coal lease Utah 082996 which is held by John Bell, to include the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T. 17 S., R. 6 E., SLM, Utah, has been filed in this office. These lands are located on federal surface within the boundaries of the Manti-LaSal National Forest. The additional coal is critical to the continued operation of Mr. Bell's mine, and will provide access to coal lease Utah 082996. The extraction of coal will be by underground mining methods. Surface facilities will be located on adjacent fee land owned by Mr. Bell.

A preliminary determination has been made that this application qualifies under the NRDC amended court order. I would therefore, appreciate your comments on this proposed modification at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions or wish to obtain additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL L HOWARD

State Director

cc: State Clearinghouse, Office of the State Planning Coordinator,
124 State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114