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Dear Dr. Nielson:

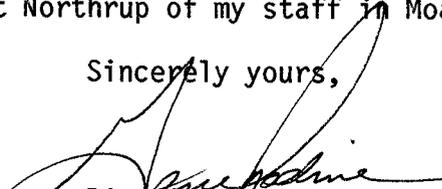
Trail Mountain Coal Company representatives have provided BLM field personnel (San Rafael Resource Area, Price, Utah) a copy of the request to your office for a permit amendment (Incidental Boundary Change (IBC)) for the Trail Mountain Mine Plan, ACT/015/009. The amendment calls for Trail Mountain to continue mining in the 6th West Mains, 600 feet across the permit boundary into Federal lease U-49332. This lease is named Tract II and has a mining and reclamation permit (MRP) pending approval. The affected area is approximately 6 acres.

Trail Mountain's request is based on the fact that the 6th West mining section is now approaching the permit boundary (located SE 1/4 SW 1/4, section 35, T. 17 S., R. 6 E.). To meet coal contracts, two mining sections need to be operating. Trail Mountain has tried to idle 6th West and double shift the other section, 2nd South located in section 36, state coal lease ML-22603. The 2nd South section has been observed by Stephen Falk, BLM Mining Engineer, Price, who has confirmed the poor mining conditions (low coal, a large roll, hard cutting seam). Due to the poor mining conditions, double shifting 2nd South would not meet sales contracts.

We recommend that the IBC be approved so mining can continue in the 6th West section. If approval is denied, Trail Mountain would have to use this production section in retreat mining in other areas of the mine that could jeopardize access to future coal reserves. The 6th West mains are planned as the main access to Tract II and is so designated in the Tract II MRP. Trail Mountain would be following the mining plan in the Tract II MRP if the IBC is granted.

This recommended approval is to confirm Stephen Falk's verbal recommendation to Wayne Hedberg on November 19, 1986. Should you require additional information, please contact him in Price at 637-4584, or Brent Northrup of my staff in Moab at 259-6111.

Sincerely yours,

  
District Manager

cc: US0, U-921  
Trail Mtn. Coal Co.