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Dear Lowell:

We have reviewed Response to Mid-Term Review, Beaver Creek Coal Company, Trail Mountain #9 Mine, ACT/015/009, Folder #2, Emery Co., Utah.

The responses have adequately addressed our comments regarding the mid-term review sent to your office on May 4, 1987. A copy of the letter is enclosed for reference. We, however, have comments regarding some of the items listed in the letter and the new materials.

Comments regarding the responses to the May 4, 1987, Forest Service letter:

1. Item No. 3

The inconsistencies between the Chapter 3 text and the Macroinvertebrate Reports in the appendix have been resolved and the macroinvertebrate monitoring has been discontinued. We feel that the company must be advised that the macroinvertebrate studies may be required to be continued if it becomes evident that the communities are being adversely impacted by mining activities.

2. Item No. 4

The paved road, stream culvert and loadout area sprinklers, discussed in the mine plan, should adequately suppress airborne fugitive dust in the mine area. There is still some problem with tracking of coal dust from the coal haul trucks to the road area downstream. This needs to be monitored and if it continues to be a problem, some corrective actions may be necessary.

Comments on the new materials:

3. Chapter 3 Table of Contents, List of Figures

The new list of figures needs to be revised. Figure 3-12C was added to the list and Figures 3-12A and B were deleted. Figures 3-12A and B need to be added back into the list.

In addition, we have not received copies of Figure 3-12C, page 3-12C. Please send us two copies of this material for insertion into our copies of the plan.

4. Figures 3-1, 3-5 and 7-11

The three figures are the same. The title block has not been completed. It needs to be completed to show a preparation date and scale.

Forest Service boundary markers are shown on the left and right edges of the figures. The markers were moved to the north in May 1985 such that they are located on the section subdivision lines. The marker on the south end of the property (left edge of the figure) should be shown as being located on the section subdivision. The marker at the north end of the property (right edge of the figures) should be shifted a corresponding distance to the north.

If you have any questions, please contact the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.



for
GEORGE A. MORRIS
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Enclosures