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FROM: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor 

RE: Corrections - Memorandum dated February 5, 1996, Trail Mountain Mine, PacifiCorp, ACT/015/009, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Jeff DeFreest, Manti La Sal National Forest (USFS), called me on February 21, 1996 to correct two statements in the memo to file from Jess Kelley, dated February 5, 1996 relative to the review of mining plan at the Trail Mountain Mine. Page 2, paragraph 3 states: "At the urging of both USFS and BLM, the mining plan lengthens several of the panels beyond what they were in the earlier version in order to increase the coal recovery rate. in several places, the lengthened panels will require the development of entries outside of the present lease boundaries. The permittee has proposed, and USFS has agreed to, the establishment of small rights-of-way to accommodate these entries..."

The Forest Service took exception to the wording of the noted-underlined words. The Forest Service did not "urge" PacifiCorp to lengthen the panels, this is being done as a result of the "maximum economic recovery" discussions between PacifiCorp and the BLM.

Additionally, the USFS has NOT agreed to the establishment of the rights-of-way. The statement in the memo of February 5, 1996 is premature because the USFS has not agreed to the establishment of the rights-of-way. The scoping document that was reviewed is being prepared for an environmental assessment of this action to meet National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. One of the alternatives is always to consider "no action", which could be the outcome and would mean that the rights-of-way would not be approved.

This memo constitutes a correction to the memo of February 5, 1996.

cc: Daron Haddock
 Jess Kelley

