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TECHNICAL FIELD VISIT FORM TECHNICAL

Date : October 10, 1997
Time: 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Mine: Trail Mountain Mine
File Number: ACT/015/009, Folder #~~2~~⁵
DOGM Staff: William Malencik and Susan White
Other Attendees: Dennis Oakley, Energy West and Rusty Lee, Forest Service

Purpose:

Observed revegetation of 1993 exploration sites which are included in the disturbed area of the Trail Mountain Mine.

Observations:

Drill sites TMTN-20, TMTN-11, TMTN-12, TMTN-13, AND TMTN-14 and associated roads were drilled and reclaimed in 1993. Sites TMTN-14, TMTN-13, TMTN-12, and TMTN-10 with associated roads were walked over. Site TMTN-26 could be viewed from a distance. All sites were well vegetated with grasses and some forbs and shrubs. TMTN-10 and road area had been grazed by cattle more than other sites. Limited weeds were observed on the reclaimed pad. Crested wheatgrass, smooth brome and slender wheatgrass dominated the cover of most pad and road areas. Lesser amounts of clover, small burnett, and sagebrush were observed. Mountain mahogany was observed on pad TMTN-12. No accelerated erosion was apparent. In most, if not all areas the vegetation cover appeared at least equal to the surrounding area. The surrounding areas had been worked by the Forest Service many years ago with contouring and seeding introduced grass species.

Recommendations/Conclusions:

The reclaimed pad and road areas appeared similar to the surrounding area. If the operator requests a bond release from the Forest Service, then the Division should recommend a release based on site stabilization with vegetation.

If the Division concludes that the drill sites and associated roads are required to meet the standards of R645-301 prior to bond release then the Operator would need to demonstrate that all the requirements of Phase III bond release have been met.

Signature: *Susan M. White* on October 21, 1997
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