**Bronco Utah Operations LLC**
PO Box 527
Emery Utah, 84522
435-286-2447

April 15, 2020

C/015/0015
Received 4/21/20
Task #6122

Mr. Steve Christensen
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Coal Program
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

**RE: Bronco Utah Operations LLC**
**Emery Mine**
**DOGM Permit No. C/015/0015**
**Emery 2 Full Extraction Clean Copies Task ID 6122**

Mr. Christensen:

Per the Divisions memo dated April 9, 2020, please consider these clean copies to the above mentioned permit which includes an executed C1 form, C2 form, revised pages, and Plates. We will provided Archeology reports and the State Historic Preservation Office's Determination letters under separate confidential cover.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Kit Pappas at 435-286-2027.

Sincerely,

Kit Pappas
Environmental Manager

Attachments Application for Coal Permit Processing

# APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change ☒ New Permit ☐ Renewal ☐ Exploration ☐ Bond Release ☐ Transfer ☐

**Permittee:** Bronco Utah Operations LLC (BUOLLC)
**Mine:** Emery Mine **Permit Number:** 015/015
**Title:** Emery 2 Full Extraction
**Description,** Include reason for application and timing required to implement:
Emery 2 Full Extraction Clean Copies Task ID 6122 04/20

**Instructions:** If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions, this application may require Public Notice publication.

☐ Yes ☒ No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: _____ Disturbed Area: _____ ☐ increase ☐ decrease.
☐ Yes ☒ No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# _____
☐ Yes ☒ No 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
☐ Yes ☒ No 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
☐ Yes ☒ No 5. Does the application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
☐ Yes ☒ No 6. Does the application require or include public notice publication?
☐ Yes ☒ No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
☐ Yes ☒ No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
☐ Yes ☒ No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
☐ Yes ☒ No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies?
*Explain*: _____
☐ Yes ☒ No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
☐ Yes ☒ No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2)
☒ Yes ☐ No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
☐ Yes ☒ No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
☐ Yes ☒ No 15. Does the application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
☐ Yes ☒ No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
☐ Yes ☒ No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
☐ Yes ☒ No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
☒ Yes ☐ No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps or calculation?
☐ Yes ☒ No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
☐ Yes ☒ No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided?
☐ Yes ☒ No 22. Does the application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
☐ Yes ☒ No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

**Please attach four (4) review copies of the application. If the mine is on or adjacent to Forest Service land please submit five (5) copies, thank you.** (These numbers include a copy for the Price Field Office)

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

Brian Fredrickson
Print Name

President/CEO 4/15/2020
Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of APRIL, 2020

Notary Public

My commission Expires: MARCH 7, 2022
Attest: State of UTAH } ss:
County of CARBON

JOHN CHRISTOPHER PAPPAS
Notary Public - State of Utah
My Commission Expires
March 7, 2022
COMMISSION NUMBER 698870

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# APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING
## Detailed Schedule Of Changes to the Mining And Reclamation Plan

**Permittee:** Bronco Utah Operations LLC (BUOLLC)
**Mine:** Emery Mine **Permit Number:** 015/015
**Title:** Emery Full Extraction Expansion Clean Copy Task ID 6122 04/20

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the Mining and Reclamation Plan, which is required as a result of this proposed permit application. Individually list all maps and drawings that are added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes to the table of contents, section of the plan, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the existing Mining and Reclamation Plan. Include page, section and drawing number as part of the description.

| | | | DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIAL TO BE CHANGED |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH I page 8 |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH I Appendix I-2 (Ownership & Leasehold Interests for Surface & Coal) |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH I, Plate I-1 (Surface & Coal Ownership) |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH IV Plate IV-2 (UG Operations Plan) |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH V Table of Contents page 1 |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH V page 27 |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH V page 28 |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☒ Remove | CH V pages 29 through 35 |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH V App V-8 (Pre-subsidence Survey south of Quitchupah Creek, EF 12/2017 rev2020) |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH V Plate V-5 (Subsidence Monitoring Points and Buffer Zones) |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH VI, page VI-68, Table VI-17 |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH VI, Plate VI-4 (Ground Water & Surface Water Monitoring Site Location Map) |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH VIII Table of Contents page 2 |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH VIII page 17a |
| ☒ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH VIII AppVIII-9(Burrowing Owl Study Emery 2 Full Extraction Area Mt. Nebo(11/19) |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | |
| ☐ Add | ☒ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH X index page |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | SHPO Determination Memo CONFIDENTIAL |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH X Appendix 5-15, Emery Full Extract (MOAC Report 19-007)CONFIDENTIAL |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | SHPO Determination Memo CONFIDENTIAL |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH X Appendix 5-16, Emery Full Extract SW (MOAC Report 19-031)CONFIDENTIAL |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | CH X Plate X-A-1 (Permit Area Cultural Resources) CONFIDENTIAL |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | |
| ☐ Add | ☐ Replace | ☐ Remove | |
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| **Any other specific or special instruction required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan.** | **Received by Oil, Gas & Mining** |
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## UMC 782,17

Underground operations at the Emery Mine are an ongoing situation which does not occur in phases. The extent of the underground workings over the life of the permit is shown on Plate IV-2. The approved permit area encompasses approximately 444.8 acres and the additional Emery 2 expansion permit area encompasses 29 acres, for a total of 473.8 acres. The adjacent area encompasses approximately 6,111 acres. A minor permit area adjustment was done due to the disturbed area survey.

It is anticipated that mining activities will continue considerably beyond the five (5) year permit term. This will require renewals at the end of each term.

## UMC 782.18, UMC 800.60

Appendix I-5 contains a copy of the insurance certificate, for the Emery Mine, covering personal injury and property damage.

Revised 8/1995
Revised 4/2005
Revised 9/2006
Revised 5/2009
Revised 8/2009
Revised 4/2010
Revised 2/2017
Revised 2/2019
Revised 4/2020

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# APPENDIX I-2

**Ownership and Leasehold Interests**
**for Surface and Coal**

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## Surface Land Ownership Within and Adjacent to the Permit Area

The following information describes the surface land ownership within and adjacent to the permit. Plate I-1 shows surface land ownership in and adjacent to the permit area.

On December 16, 2015, CONSOL Mining Company LLC conveyed its interest in the surface lands at the Emery Deep Mine and Hidden Valley Mine to Bronco Utah Operations, LLC by (i) Special Warranty Deed, recorded in Emery County on December 22, 2015 at Entry 411521, and recorded in Sevier County on December 23, 2015 at Document No. 00391679, Book 0709, Page 0986 and (ii) Assignment and Assumption Agreement, recorded in Emery County on December 22, 2015 at Entry 411523. The surface interests owned, leased or controlled by Bronco Utah Operations, LLC at the Emery Deep Mine and Hidden Valley Mine are not subject to litigation.

### Section 19 T22S, R6E

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### Section 20 T22S, R6E

Emery County
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Castle Dale, UT 84513

Osburn Bret and Lori Lynn Carter
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Emery, UT 84522

Kenneth L. & Earlene Christensen
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### Section 21 T22S, R6E

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Ferron, UT 84523

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### Section 23 T22S, R6E

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### Section 26 T22S, R6E

United States of America BLM

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### Section 27 T22S, R6E

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### Section 28 T22S, R6E

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### Section 29 T22S, R6E

Emery County
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Castle Dale, UT 84513

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### Section 30 T22S, R6E

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### Section 31 T22S, R6E

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### Section 32 T22S, R6E

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### Section 33 T22S, R6E

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### Section 34 T22S, R6E

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### Section 36 T22S, R5E

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### Section 5 T23S, R6E

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## Coal Ownership Within and Adjacent to the Permit Area

The following information describes the coal ownership within and adjacent to the permit. Plate I-1 shows coal ownership in and adjacent to the permit area.

On December 16, 2015, CONSOL Mining Company LLC conveyed and assigned its interest in the below holdings (except Federal Coal Leases UTU-5287, UTU-50044, UTU86038 and Federal Logical Mining Unit UTU-73335, the "Federal Leases") to Bronco Utah Operations, LLC by Special Warranty Deed and Assignment and Assumption Agreement, recorded in Emery County on December 22, 2015 at Entry 411521 and 411523, respectively. On December 16, 2015, CONSOL Mining Company LLC assigned the Federal Leases to Bronco Utah Reserves, Inc. by Assignment and Assumption Agreement, recorded in Emery County on December 22, 2015 at Entry 411524. By Sublease Agreement dated December 16, 2015 Bronco Utah Reserves, Inc. subleased its interest in the Federal Leases to Bronco Utah Operations, LLC. Bronco Utah Operations, LLC is the successor in interest to Kemmerer and Consol, and references to Kemmerer and Consol below should be read as Bronco Utah Operations LLC for periods of time after December 16, 2015. The documents and lands listed below pertain only to coal ownership and are not subject to litigation. Plate I-1 shows coal ownership in and adjacent to the permit area.

Bronco currently holds Federal Coal Lease U-5287 in good standing (executed on June 25, 1984). Mining in U-5287 will not occur until 2020 at the earliest. Bronco submitted an R2P2/LMU modification for the Emery 2 expansion and BLM approved it in February 2017. A copy was sent to DOGM by BLM.

### Township 22 South, Range 6 East (SLM)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Section 19** | NE¼SW¼<br>NW¼SE¼<br>E½SE¼<br>S½NE¼ | Lease from USA (BLM) to Kemmerer and Consol dated 7/1/70 (#U-527)<br>Utah State Offices<br>University Club Building<br>Salt Lake City, UT<br>801-524-5330 |
| | SE¼SW¼ | Deed from Emery County to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 5/14/68 |
| | SW¼SE¼ | Deed from L.M. and S.M. Pratt to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 6/22/49 |
| | N½NE¼<br>NW¼ | United States of America<br>Not Leased |
| | W½SW¼ | Emery County<br>95 E. Main<br>Castledale, UT 84513<br>801-748-2474 |

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| **Section 20** | NW¼SW¼<br>S½S½<br>NE¼SE¼ | Lease from United States of America (BLM) to Kemmerer and Consol dated 7/1/70 (#U-5287) |
| | NE¼<br>E½NW¼<br>NE¼SW¼<br>NW¼SE¼ | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co. to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| | W½NW¼ | United States of America Not Leased |
| **Section 21** | W½ SE¼<br>NE¼NE¼<br>W½NE¼ | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co. to Kemmerer Coal Co. |
| | SE¼NE¼ | Deed from L.M. and S.M. Pratt to Kemmerer Coal Co. |
| **Section 22** | NW¼NW¼ | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co. to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| | SW¼SW¼<br>SE¼NE¼ | San Rafael Fuel Co. to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| | SW¼NW¼<br>N½SW¼<br>SE¼SW¼ | Lease from United States of America (BLM) to Consol dated 7/1/83 (#U-50044) |
| | W½SE¼<br>E½NW¼<br>W½NE¼<br>NE¼NE¼ | Deed from I. Browing to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 8/23/66 |
| **Section 23** | **S**W¼NW¼ | Deed from I. Browning to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 8/23/66 |
| | NW¼SW¼ | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co. to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| | S½SW¼ | Lease from USA (BLM) to Consol dated October 1, 2009 (UTU 86038) |
| **Section 26** | NW¼NW¼ | Lease from USA (BLM) to Consol dated October 1, 2009 (UTU 86038) |

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| **Section 27** | S½NW¼<br>SW¼NE¼ | Deed from San Rafael Coal Co.<br>to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| | N½NE¼ | Deed from L.M. and S.M. Pratt<br>to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 6/22/49 |
| | S½NE¼ | Deed from Kemmerer Coal Co. |
| **Section 28** | NW¼ | Deed from San Rafael Coal Co.<br>to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| | NE¼ | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co.<br>to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| | S½ | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co.<br>to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| **Section 29** | NW¼NW¼<br>E½NW¼<br>W½NE¼<br>NW¼SE¼ | Lease from United States of America<br>(BLM) to Kemmerer and Consol<br>dated 7/1/70 (#U-5287) |
| Beginning 20 rods South of the NW corner of the SW Quarter of Section 29, thence South 60 rods, thence East 80 rods, thence North 20 rods, thence Northwesterly to the place of the beginning. | | Lease from John and Carolyn Lewis<br>to Consol and Kemmerer<br>dated 11/12/80<br>1163 E. 25th Street<br>Idaho Falls, ID 83401<br>208-522-3646 |
| SW¼NW¼, beginning at the NW corner of SW¼, thence E 80 rods, thence S 76 rods, thence Northwesterly to the place of the beginning. | | Lease from George Olsen to<br>Consolidation Coal Co. dated 12/17/80<br>15 E. Center<br>Orangeville, UT<br>810-748-2522 |
| | SE¼NE¼ | Lease from R.D. Jensen and D.R. Close<br>to Consolidation Coal Co. dated 12/17/80<br>520 E. 1 N.<br>Cleveland, UT 84518<br>801-653-2252 |

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| | NE¼NE¼<br>E½SE¼<br>SW¼SE¼<br>NE¼SW¼ | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co.<br>to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| | SW ¼SW¼<br>SE ¼ SW ¼ | State of Utah SITLA ML 51745-OBA<br>Lease revised and relinquished this ¼ by Consolidation Coal. |
| **Section 30** | S½NE¼<br>E½NW¼<br>NW¼SE¼<br>SW¼SE¼<br>SE¼SW¼ | Deed from Emery County to<br>Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 5/14/68 |
| | N½NE¼<br>SW¼NW¼<br>NE¼SW¼ | Deed from L.M. and S.M. Pratt<br>to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 6/22/49 |
| | NW¼NW¼ | Private ownership, Ralph Lewis<br>4053 S. 850 W.<br>Bountiful, UT 84010<br>801-292-1204 |
| | SW¼SW¼<br>S½NW¼SW¼ | Lease from George Lewis to<br>Consolidation Coal Co. dated 8/30/82 |
| | NE¼SE¼ | Lease from John and Carolyn Lewis to<br>Consolidation Coal Co. dated 11/12/80 |
| | SE¼SE¼ | State of Utah SITLA ML 51745-OBA |
| | N½NW¼SW¼ | Lease from Robert Lewis to Consolidation<br>Coal Co. dated 10/3/74<br>107 W. 2 S.<br>Emery, UT 84522<br>801-286-2424 |
| **Section 31** | W½NE¼<br>E½NW¼<br>NW¼NW¼ | Deed from Emery County to Kemmerer<br>Coal Co. dated 5/14/68 |
| | SW¼NW¼<br>W½SW¼<br>SW¼SE¼ | See Note A. |
| | E½NE¼ | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co. to<br>Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |

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| | NW¼SE¼<br>NE¼SW¼<br>SE¼SW¼ | State of Utah SITLA ML 51745-OBA |
| | E½SE¼ | Deed from L.M. and S.M. Pratt to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 6/22/49 |
| **Section 32** | NW¼<br>E½ | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co. to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| | SW¼ | Deed from L.M. and S.M. Pratt to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 6/22/49 |
| **Section 33** | All | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co. to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| **Section 34** | N½ | Deed from San Rafael Fuel Co. to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 10/1/58 |
| | S½ | United States of America<br>Not Leased |
| | **Township 22 South, Range 5 East (SLM)** | |
| **Section 25** | E½E½ | United States of America<br>Not Leased |
| **Section 36** | All | Utah State, not leased |
| | **Township 23 South, Range 5 East (SLM)** | |
| **Section 1** | All | United States of America<br>Not Leased |
| | **Township 23 South, Range 6 East (SLM)** | |
| **Section 6** | N½W¼<br>NW¼NE¼ | See Note A. |
| | NE¼NE¼ | Deed from L.M. and S.M. Pratt to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 6/22/49 |

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## Coal Ownership Within and Adjacent to the Permit Area

The following information describes the coal ownership within and adjacent to the permit. Plate I-1 shows coal ownership in and adjacent to the permit area.

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| **Section 5** | NW¼NW¼ | Deed from L.M. and S.M. Pratt to Kemmerer Coal Co. dated 6/22/49 |
| | N1/2NE1/4<br>NE1/4NW1/4 | United States of America (BM)<br>Bronco Utah Operations LLC has right to enter and mine via signed DR and FONSI dated 2/6/2019 regarding DOI-BLM-UT-G020-2018-0051-EA |
| | S1/2N1/2<br>S1/2 | United States of America (BLM)<br>Not Leased |
| **Section 4** | W½ | United States of America (BLM)<br>Not Leased |
| | E½ | United States of America (BLM)<br>Not Leased |

Note A: The Kemmerer Coal Company, **and its successors Consol and Bronco Utah Operations**, have been paying taxes on these lands for a number of years. However, during the title investigations, the deed from Ira Browning to Kemmerer was found to be missing, but these lands are not included in the Browning estates. Therefore, it is Bronco-Consol-Kemmerer's contention that these coal lands do indeed belong to Bronco Utah Operations LLC.

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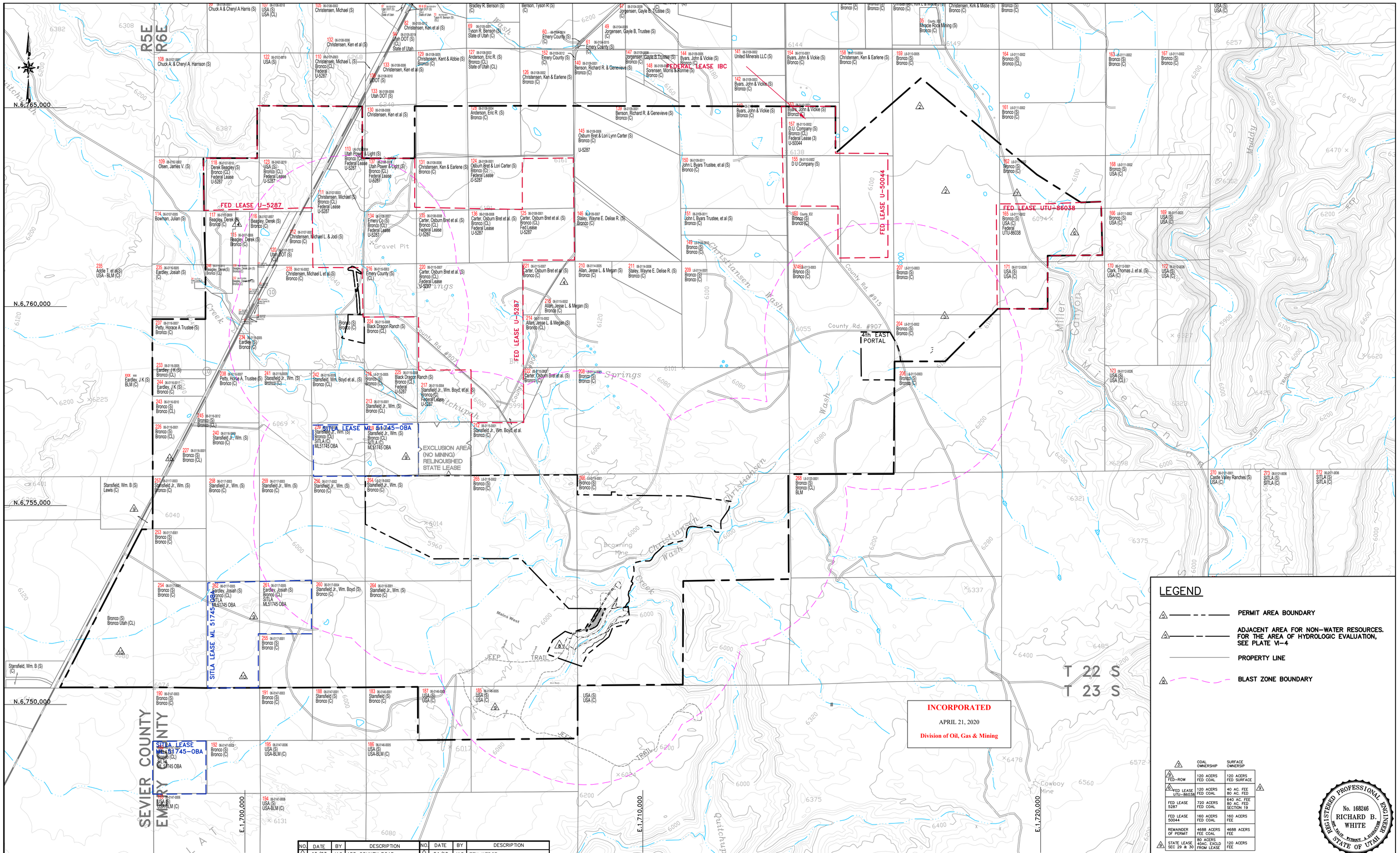


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- PERMIT AREA BOUNDARY
- ADJACENT AREA FOR NON-WATER RESOURCES. FOR THE AREA OF HYDROLOGIC EVALUATION, SEE PLATE VI-4
- PROPERTY LINE
- BLAST ZONE BOUNDARY

| | COAL OWNERSHIP | SURFACE OWNERSHIP |
|---|---|---|
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| FED LEASE UTU-86038 | 120 ACERS FED COAL | 40 AC. FEE 80 AC. FED |
| FED LEASE 5287 | 720 ACERS FED COAL | 640 AC. FEE 80 AC. FED SECTION 19 |
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| REMAINDER OF PERMIT | 4688 ACERS FEE COAL | 4688 ACERS FEE |
| STATE LEASE SEC 29 & 30 | 80 ACERS 40AC. EXCLD FROM LEASE | 120 ACERS FEE |

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| 3 | 01/07 | JAG | 1st NORTH FED LEASE I.B.C FULL EXTRACTION | 9 | 03/19 | JAG | RIGHT OF WAY EXPANSION |
| 4 | 03/08 | JAG | UPDATED SURFACE CONTROL | 10 | 04/20 | JAG | FULL EXTRACTION TASK #6122 |
| 5 | 05/09 | JAG | EZ NORTH, ADJ. VX. PERMIT DEF. 3099 | | | | |
| 6 | 08/09 | JAG | ZZ NORTH, MILLER CANYON LBA UTU-86038 | | | | |

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE'S. EMERY WEST 1968, EMERY EAST 1968, PHOTO REVISED 1978; MESA BUTTE 1968, PHOTO REVISED 1978; WALKER FLATE 1968, PHOTO REVISED 1978.

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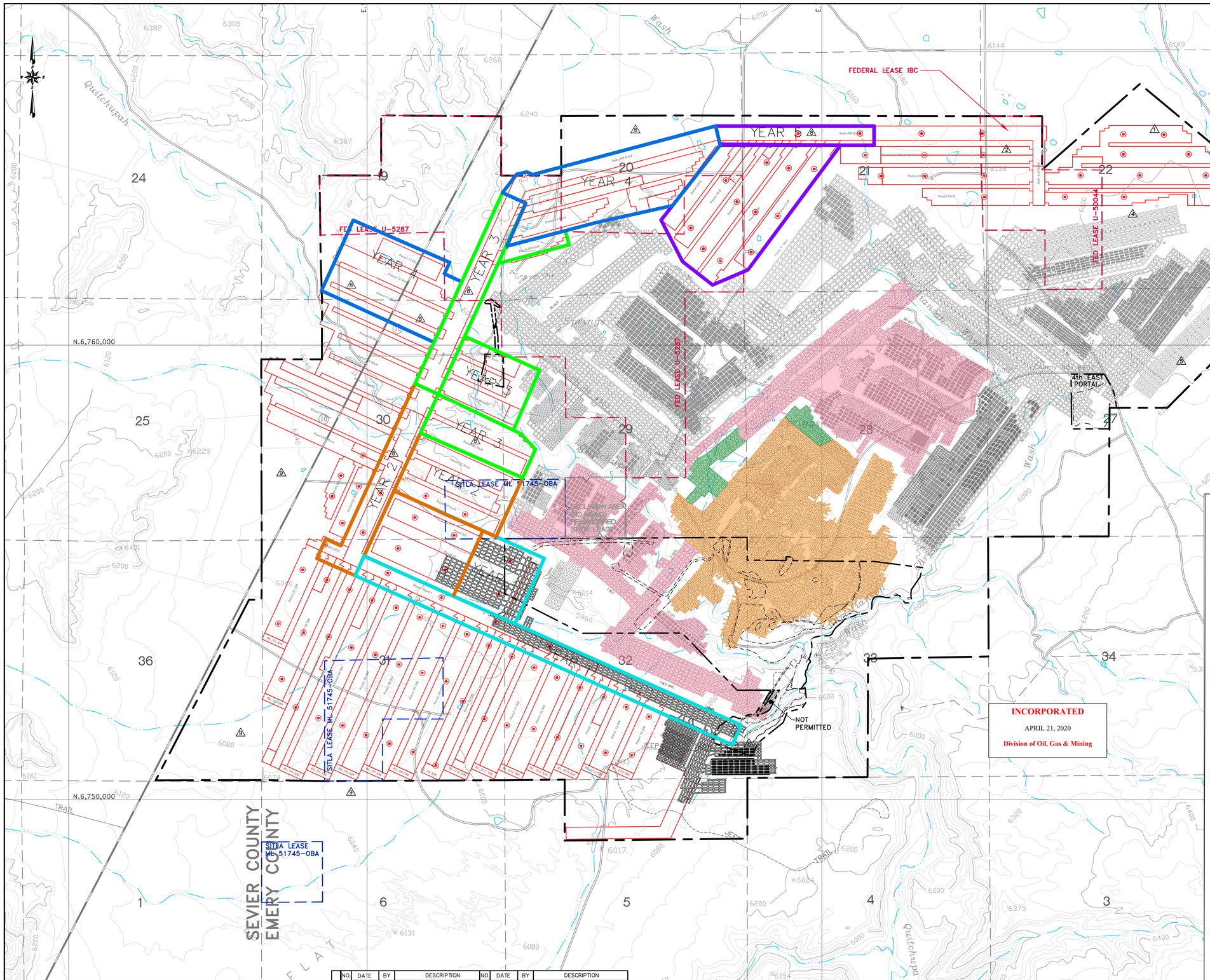
SURFACE AND COAL OWNERSHIP

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- PRIOR TO AUG. 3, 1977
- MAY. 3, 1977 TO AUG 3, 1977
- MAY 3, 1978 TO JAN. 5, 1986
- EXCLUSION AREA (NO MINING) RELINQUISHED STATE LEASE
- FORCASTED PANEL YEAR 1
- FORCASTED PANEL YEAR 2
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- FORCASTED PANEL YEAR 5

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PLATE IV-2
UG OPERATIONS PLAN

# CHAPTER V

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- V.A.2 MINE PLAN AREA GEOLOGY
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- V.A.4 I-ZONE ROOF & FLOOR CHARACTERISTICS (1ST North IBC)
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The method used historically in most of the mine was room and pillar mining with some partial pillar extraction. Partial pillar extraction is designed not to result in subsidence. Full extraction mining (planned subsidence) did occur above the sealed Emery Mine old works and will occur above the Emery 2 mine plan in areas previously approved and designated full extraction as noted on Plate V-5. If the Emery 2 mine plan contemplates full extraction in areas other than those depicted as full extraction on Plate V-5, Bronco will submit a revision with the required pre-subsidence survey data. As a result, any subsidence outside these areas would fall into the unplanned subsidence category. All pillar design or pillar splitting (whether partial pillar extraction or full extraction) will be approved by MSHA.

Maximum subsidence at the Emery Mine will be approximately 50% of the extraction height. Given the current mining horizon, this would relate to 3 feet of subsidence in areas of 6-foot extraction to 5 feet of subsidence in areas of 10-foot extraction. The predicted angle of draw will range from approximately 5 degrees at 150 feet of cover, 12 degrees at 350 feet of cover, and 15 degrees at 750 feet of cover or greater.

Bronco intends to prevent subsidence from affecting Quitchupah Creek, Christiansen Wash, and the alluvial valley floor area on the west side of the adjacent area (Refer to Plate V-5). There will be no full extraction within the designated buffer zones. An intermittently occupied dwelling in Section 30 will also be protected from subsidence. As of the date of this writing, a subsidence waiver has not been obtained on this dwelling. At such time as a waiver is obtained, the Division shall be notified and the buffer around this dwelling will be removed. Other than these features, the presubsidence survey and our knowledge of the permit area confirms there are no structures overlying present or future underground workings for which mitigation of subsidence effects would be overly difficult.

The three above noted features will be protected by establishing buffer zones which in turn are created by leaving coal pillars of adequate size beneath these areas. The dimensions of the buffer zone will be determined by the overburden depth and the angle of draw. With respect to Quitchupah Creek and Christiansen Wash, the buffer zone will include an additional standoff distance of 100 feet on either side, as required by UMC 817.57.

Chapter V pages V-28 through V-35 have been removed. These pages included pillar stability design pertaining to the sealed Emery old works and are not pertinent to the Emery 2 mine plan.

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Chapter V pages 28 through 35 have been removed as they do not pertain to any future mining area.

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# CHAPTER V

## APPENDIX V-8
## Pre-Subsidence Survey
## South of Quitchupah Creek
## Including Stansfield erosion hole addendum

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# Pre-Subsidence Survey Prior to Full Extraction, Emery 2 Portal, South of Quitchupah Creek

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## ATTACHMENTS

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# PRE-SUBSIDENCE SURVEY PRIOR TO FULL EXTRACTION, EMERY 2 PORTAL, SOUTH OF QUITCHUPAH CREEK

## CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to present baseline surface conditions prior to full extraction operations from the Emery 2 portal of the Bronco Utah Operations, LLC. (Bronco) Emery Mine, Emery County, Utah. The areas covered in this report include the following:

- Boxcut
- Mains
- Sub-Panel-01
- Panel-01 through Panel-03
- Panel-04-Rt through Panel-07-Rt
- The southern ¾ of Panel-13-Rt
- The area south of the Emery 2 Mains south to the Adjacent Area Boundary, excluding the southern portion of the Sitla Lease ML 51745-0BA (refer to Plate V-5).

In 1980, CONSOL commissioned a pre-subsidence survey covering the entire mine permit area. Three subsequent pre-subsidence surveys were commissioned; two in 2007 and one in 2008 to update the condition of surface features identified in 1980 prior to proposed full extraction of underlying panels. This pre-subsidence survey covers the southern portion of the mine plan, south of Quitchupah Creek, accessed through the Emery 2 portals (refer to Plate V-5).

This document is intended to be part of a Subsidence Control Plan as required in Section R645-301-525.100 of the Utah Administrative Code. Recording initial surface conditions will



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facilitate locating and mitigating areas determined to be adversely affected by future subsidence. As part of the pre-subsidence survey, the locations and conditions of the following features were recorded:

- Structures (e.g. buildings, corrals, and roads)
- Fences
- Utilities (e.g. power, water lines, irrigation pivots, and water wells)
- Surface drainages (e.g. natural channels, irrigation ditches, and ponds)

This report references the original Pre-subsidence Survey performed prior to mining operations in 1980 (Valley Engineering, 1980). The feature numbers given in this document correspond to those described in the 1980 report. These features were surveyed in the field in November 2017, and any differences and/or changes from the conditions noted during the 1980 survey are noted both in the text and figures of this document. This report supersedes the Valley Engineering survey where conflicts exist.

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# CHAPTER 2
# SURVEY AREA OBSERVATIONS

## 2.1 GENERAL AREA DESCRIPTION

This pre-subsidence survey covers approximately 1,265 acres of primarily undeveloped land, of which approximately 360 acres are irrigated fields or grazing pastures. The ground surface is generally flat with some small, steep hills formed by eroded washes and resistant bedrock outcrops. A perennial stream named Quitchupah Creek is generally outside of, but parallel to the eastern border of the survey area and drains in a general southeasterly direction. This stream receives irrigation return flow from surrounding agricultural land via a complex network of irrigation ditches, piping, and storage ponds.

Structures within the survey area include a ranch house, outbuildings, and corrals located near the southern farm lands, all of which are in dilapidated condition and appear to be decades old. A double wide manufactured home, in good condition, sits near the western edge of the northern farm lands and serves as the primary residence of the landowner controlling most of the property in the survey area. A large metal shed and fuel tanks, all in fair condition, sit nearby. A wooden shed, ranch house, and outhouse, all in dilapidated condition, are also present. A large corral and silo, both in good condition, are situated on the northern edge of the northern farm lands. On the southern edge of these same farm lands are two abandoned cabins. With the exception of the manufactured home, metal shed, and the corrals and silo located north of the northern farm lands, nearly all other structures are constructed of unfinished or rough cut timbers, cider block, or adobe, are in dilapidated condition, and appear to have been present for decades. There are several fences in the area in various states of repair. Most of the fences are constructed with barbed wire strung between posts made from natural rough cut tree limbs. Some fences use finished lumber fence posts or metal tee-stakes and tubing. There is one gravel-surfaced road, one semi-improved dirt road, and numerous unimproved dirt roads in the survey

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area. The gravel-surfaced road is in good condition, and the dirt roads range from good to poor condition.

Utilities within the survey area include overhead power lines; a pressurized irrigation system that has been partially constructed and will be expanded during the spring and summer of 2018 that consists of buried water lines, buried power lines, and pivots; a city waterline feeding the manufactured home; and two water wells, both of which are believed to be abandoned. Bronco has entered into, or will enter into prior to full extraction, a Power Line Repair Agreement with Rocky Mountain Power to mitigate subsidence damage to power lines within the full extraction area.

All of the features (structures, fences, roads, drainages, utilities, etc.) located during the pre-subsidence survey are shown on Figure 1. Photographs of each feature evaluated during this survey are provided in Attachment A. Latitude and Longitude data provided on these photographs are georeferenced by the field camera and are considered to be generally approximate.

## 2.2 INDIVIDUAL FEATURE DESCRIPTIONS

Each numbered feature on Figure 1, within the current survey area, is described below. The numbers for each feature are identical to those used in the 1980 Pre-Subsidence Survey. Site Photographs are found in the back of this report.

Feature 1. Ranch House, Buildings, and Corrals. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The ranch house, buildings, and corrals all appear to be several decades old and are in dilapidated condition. The rough cut wood walls of the ranch house are intact, however, the adobe walls are beginning to crumble. The walls in a framed wood extension, built onto the eastern side of ranch house, have failed and the roof in

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that section of the house has collapsed. One corner of the cinder block building has collapsed. The remaining buildings and corrals are constructed of rough wood logs and rough cut boards. The wood roofs on these building are failing. The corrals are unusable and have mostly fallen to the ground. There are several types of fences in the area; the most common was barbed wire or wire mesh on the bottom with barbed wire above the mesh. Fence posts were mainly steel or rough cut tree limbs.

Feature 2. Irrigation Ditch and Bridge. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The bridge is approximately 120 yards west of the ranch buildings (Feature 1). The earthen ditch, which flows from north to south, is approximately 2½ to 3 feet wide and 1-1½ feet deep and did not contain any water. The ditch widens to 3 to 4 feet where it crosses underneath the road leading to the ranch and then narrows to its normal width. The northern portion of the 15 foot wide bridge is constructed of 7 feet of railroad ties placed perpendicular to the ditch. The southern 8 foot portion of the bridge consists of two parallel 12" diameter CMP pipes covered in soil. The bridge, though usable, is in poor condition.

Feature 3. Ranch Fence Line. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. This fence line is located west of the ditch in Feature 2. The fence posts are natural rough cut tree limbs. The fencing fabric consists of wire mesh and two strands of barbed wire above the mesh. It is approximately 4 feet from the ground to the upper barbed wire strand. The fence is in fair condition. A metal gate in the fence line controls access to the ranch house (Feature 1). South of this location, the fence line becomes a 4-strand barb wire fence, constructed of natural wood posts with intermittent steel t-posts. This section of fence is also in fair condition.

Feature 4. Ranch Access Road. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. Most of this single lane road is surfaced with natural clay

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material; however in some areas, gravel has been placed to improve the road's condition. Mounds of soil on either side of the road indicate it has been bladed numerous times to remove rutting formed from vehicle travel when the surface of the road was saturated from precipitation.

Feature 5. Utility Power Lines. This feature is essentially unchanged from how it is described in the Valley Engineering (1980) report, which states the following: "These power lines are located approximately 200 yards to the west of the ranch buildings (Feature 1). The poles run north and south and are approximately 40 feet high." It appears that several of the poles have been replaced since the 1980 survey. The poles are in good condition.

Feature 6. Pond. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The pond, cut into a small hill on its northwestern corner and diked on the surrounding edges, is roughly square in shape and measures approximately 75 feet x 75 feet x 5 feet deep. A black plastic liner is exposed at numerous locations around the dike. Exposure to the elements has severely degraded the liner and it is no longer functional. An erosion channel has formed on the slope at the northwest corner of the pond. The pond is dry and it appears that it has been quite some time since it has held water. A fence, constructed of natural rough cut tree limbs, surrounds the pond. The fencing material consists of wire mesh with one strand of barb wire at the top. The fence is in dilapidated condition.

Feature 8. Well. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. This well is located approximately 20 yards north of the stock pond (Feature 6). A 6 foot by 8 foot wide wood shed set on a concrete slab surrounds the well casing. The well appears to be abandoned. Piping extending from the well head has been disconnected. The overhead power line from the nearby power pole has been cut. A portion of this line dangles from the power pole.

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Feature 9. Farm Lands. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. These lands are part of the ranch (Feature 1) and are located to the south and east of the ranch buildings. The area is fenced on all four sides with a center fence dividing the upper third from the lower two thirds. Although the field was historically planted with hay and grasses, it appears that the area has not been actively farmed for numerous years. A 12 foot by 16 foot by 10 inch thick concrete pad for a new irrigation pivot is installed on the southwestern corner of the farm lands.

Feature 10. Irrigation Ditch. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. This earthen ditch is located approximately 50 to 75 yards north of the stock pond (Feature 6). The ditch, at the photo location, is cut through a small rise in the terrain and its banks are approximately 6 to 7 feet tall. Both upstream and downstream from the photograph, the ditch shallows to about 1.5 feet in depth. The irrigation ditch is dry. Underground irrigation piping and pivots are being installed in the farm land that this ditch feeds with water. After completion of the pressurized irrigation system, this ditch will likely be abandoned.

Feature 11. Unimproved Dirt Road. The description of this feature remains unchanged from that described in the Valley Engineering (1980) report, which states the following: "This two-track, single lane dirt road is a typical example of the many dirt roads that are in the survey area. Most of the roads, including this one, have natural clay surfaces, while a few have some shale as part of the surface material."

Feature 15. Pond. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The pond, constructed of earthen berms, is roughly circular in shape with a diameter of approximately 100 feet. The floor of the pond slopes from northwest to southeast. The deepest part of the pond is approximately 3 feet in depth. The east bank has been breached. Sagebrush and native plants are growing in the pond at the approximate plant density

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as the surrounding area outside the pond. The pond is dry and its current condition indicates that it has been quite some time since it has been used.

Feature 17. Barbed Wire Fence. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. This feature no longer exists. It was removed for expansion of the farm land (Feature 32). Many additional barbed wire fences exist throughout the survey area and are described in other features listed in this report.

Feature 22. Dry Wash. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. This wash is typical of the many larger washes in the area. The average depth of the wash is approximately 20 feet deep and its width is approximately 20 to 30 feet in width.

Feature 23. Grassy Area. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. This area is in a surface depression that is approximately 3 to 4 feet below the surrounding terrain. It is bordered by sagebrush on all sides. During rainy periods, this low lying area collects enough water to support grasses. Water exits the east end of this area, draining into several dry washes.

Feature 24. Irrigation Ditch Junction. The description of this feature remains essentially unchanged from that described in the Valley Engineering (1980) report, which states the following: "In this area, a small earthen ditch divides to become two smaller ditches each about 1½ feet to 2 feet wide and 6 inches to 12 inches deep." This irrigation ditch junction is dry. Underground irrigation piping and pivots are being installed in the farm land that these irrigation ditches feed with water. After completion of the pressurized irrigation system, these ditches will likely be abandoned.

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Feature 25. Grassy Area. The title and description of this feature have been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. Although the Valley Engineering report identified this area as "wetlands" and listed three possible water sources, "from a small natural creek, from irritations ditches, and possibly some natural springs", no active water sources were identified. This grassy area has been heavily grazed over the summer. Alkaline salt deposits in a low lying area immediately east of the grassy area provides evidence that drainage flows from west to east.

Feature 26. PVC Pipe Water Depth Gauge. The title of and description of this feature have been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. There are two PVC pipe water depth gauges located in the large wash just to the southwestern corner of the settlement pond. Each PVC pipe water depth gauge consists of a 5 foot long by 2 inch diameter PVC pipe with thread caps installed on both ends and attached vertically to a sawed 4 inch square wood post buried in the earth. The lower end of the pipe is mounted approximately 6 inches above soil level. The caps have drilled holes to allow entry of water into the pipe. As water enters the holes in the PVC pipe, a square wood board located inside the PVC pipe, marked with feet and inches, becomes saturated below the top of water. Peak water levels are then read by removing the wood board from the PVC pipe and taking a direct reading. A roof bolt installed in the soil near the north gauge likely serves as a reference elevation.

Feature 27. Area Roads. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The first photo shows where the road crosses Quitchupah Creek. Erosion and lack of maintenance have led to steep muddy banks in this area, making the road essentially impassable at this location. The second photo looks north along another portion of the same road located approximately 2,800 feet south of the Quitchupah Creek crossing. A deep wash, just south of this location, cuts across the road. There are many cattle hoof print marks covering the road in this photo, indicating its lack of recent vehicular use. This single lane double track road, at one time, was passable across the southern half of the permit area, but the

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Quitchupah Creek crossing and several large washes cutting through the road make the road untravelable.

Feature 32. Irrigation Ditch and Farm Land. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The farm land has been expanded in size to the north and east. The freshly plowed ground has been regraded, eliminating portions of the ditch on the west and south side of this farm land. Underground irrigation piping and an irrigation pivot have been installed in the center of this farm land. A 16 foot by 12 foot by 10 inch thick concrete slab foundation installed in 2017, as evidenced by names and a date scratched into the concrete surface on a corner of the pad, and underground power conduits have been installed in preparation for another pivot on the eastern border of this farm land. A six strand barb wire fence with rough cut 4x6 inch timbers extends east/west along the northern margin of this farm land. This fence intersects the Highway 10 right-of-way fence at its western edge. This fence is in good shape.

Feature 33. Irrigation Ditch. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. A section of this feature is located within a buffer zone, depicted on Figure 1 and Plate V-5, where subsidence is not anticipated. The section of this irrigation ditch that traversed the farm land (Feature 32) has been eliminated. This ditch used to traverse the farm land (Feature 32) and continue on to feed the farm lands (Feature 9) located approximately ½ mile southeast of this location. It is our understanding that the farm lands identified in Features 9 and 32 will be watered with pressurized underground piping and pivot irrigation systems. The photo shows where the ditch was cut through at the north end of the farm land (Feature 32).

Feature 34. Culinary Well. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. This feature is located within a buffer zone, depicted on Figure 1 and Plate V-5, where subsidence is not anticipated. The well, shown on Plate VI-4 as

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the Lewis Well, formerly provided water for a ranch house and buildings (Feature 35) located to the north. Water is currently provided to this ranch house by Emery Town municipal water. The concrete slab poured around the well casing and which supports the small well house covering the well casing has experienced differential settlement of several inches. The slab slopes from north to south. The worst settlement has occurred at the well casing. The concrete slab surrounding the casing has cracked, separated, and dropped in elevation approximately 4 inches.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. This feature is located within a buffer zone, depicted on Figure 1 and Plate V-5, where subsidence is not anticipated. The ranch house and buildings consists of five structures:

- A double wide manufactured home installed after the 1980 report. This home is installed on a concrete foundation that is intact with only two small cracks that are typical of cracks found in most residential home foundations. Overall, the home appears to be in good condition.
- Metal shed on a concrete slab. The metal shed is in good condition. The concrete slab is in fair condition with some cracking observed. Four elevated fuel tanks are located on the east side of the shed.
- Wood outhouse constructed of natural rough cut logs. This structure appears to be in fair condition.
- Ranch house constructed of rough sawn logs and adobe brick. The adobe walls have fallen down, exposing the north end of the house to outside elements. It is dilapidated and unlivable. A concrete structure located near the ranch house appears to be an old septic tank.
- Wood building constructed of natural rough cut logs. Intermittently placed sandstone rocks serve as a foundation for the structure. The structure is in dilapidated condition.

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Feature 36. Utility Power Line. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. A portion of this feature is located within a buffer zone, depicted on Figure 1 and Plate V-5, where subsidence is not anticipated. The electrical power line is a single line that supplies electricity to the ranch house and buildings (Feature 35). The poles are typical power line poles, approximately 35 feet tall and in good condition. The eastern most pole in this line, which also forms a part of the north/south power line (Feature 5) that this line ties into, leans to the south and west.

Feature 37. Feed Pens and Fence Line. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The feed pens are constructed of painted steel, are semi-portable, and are in good condition. The fence in the background of the photograph is a barbed wire fence with natural cut log posts. A portion of the fence is located within a buffer zone, depicted on Figure 1 and Plate V-5, where subsidence is not anticipated. The fence is fairly new and in excellent condition.

Feature 39. Log Cabins. The title and description of this feature have been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The corrals mentioned in the 1980 report have been removed. There are two log cabins at this location. The cabins are made of rough cut wood logs and are founded on wood or stacked rocks. Both cabins are in dilapidated condition.

Feature 40. Section Corner Marker. This feature description remains essentially the same as described in the Valley Engineering (1980) report, which states the following: "The marker is a metal cap attached to a short steel pipe. It marks the corners of Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32 of Range 6 East, Township 22 South. The marker was established in 1978." In addition to the 1980 description, there is a vertical rough cut square wood post installed approximately 1 inch south of the marker. The letters "WC" are stamped into the metal cap just beneath the "UNLAWFUL TO DISTURB" marking. The "WC", an abbreviation for Witness Corner, indicates that this marker is not installed at the exact location of the Section Corner, but is rather

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an offset to the section corner. The east/west line separating Sections 30 & 29 from Sections 31 & 32 has an arrow at its west end, indicating that the actual corner is located west of this location. A check of the Public Land Survey System reveals that the actual section corner is located approximately 132 feet west. This Witness Corner was likely set because the actual Section Corner would rest in the bottom of the pond, described as Feature 41.

Feature 41. Pond. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The pond was constructed by installing an approximately 8 foot tall berm between two small hills. The berm is approximately 250 feet long and approximately 6 feet wide at its crest. The berm is located approximately 100 yards north of the section corner marker (Feature 40). A 25 foot long by 3 foot deep path has been worn through the western end of the berm. Water flows out of the pond via a 16" PVC riser. The pond was dry at the time of the survey.

Feature 43. Corrals and Grain Silo. The description of this feature has been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. This feature is located within a buffer zone, depicted on Figure 1 and Plate V-5, where subsidence is not anticipated. The corrals and feeding areas are constructed of rough cut lumber, timber posts, and railroad ties and are in good condition. The gates to the corrals are made of steel pipes and are in good condition. The galvanized steel grain silo, located approximately 180 yards west of the southwestern corner of the corrals, rests on a concrete pad and is in good condition.

Feature 44. Pond, Livestock Waterer, and Water Line Air Vent. The title and description of this feature have been updated from the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The small pond observed in the area is still intact. However, the two corrals identified in the Valley Engineering report have been removed. The circular pond has a diameter of approximately 100 feet and is currently dry. A stock watering device (MiraFount 3465) installed on a 16 foot square unformed concrete pad is located roughly a 100 yards southwest of the pond. A 15" diameter corrugated

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metal pipe valve box is located approximately 4 feet west of the concrete pad. A nearby water line air vent (Wade Rain PRVC 300) is installed on the underground water line feeding the farm land (Feature 32) irrigation pivot.

Feature 119. Quarter Section Corner Marker. This feature description remains the same as described in the Valley Engineering (1980) report, which states the following: "This marker is located in Range 6 East Township 22 South. It is a typical marker with a metal cap on top of a short steel pipe. This quarter section corner marker indicates the dividing point between Section 32 and 5."

Feature 120. Steel Pipes. This feature description remains essentially the same as described in the Valley Engineering (1980) report, which states the following: "These pipes are approximately 6 inches in diameter with steel caps. The pipes extend about 2½ feet to 3 feet out of the ground. There were three pipes found in this area. The purpose of these pipes is unknown." Two additions to the above description are added in this document: the steel caps are threaded and only two of the three pipes were found.

Feature 121. Section Corner Marker. This feature description remains essentially the same as described in the Valley Engineering (1980) report, which states the following: "This corner marker is located in Range 6 East Township 22 South/Township 23 South. The marker is a short steel pipe with a metal cap. It marks the intersection of Sections 32 and 33 of Township 22 S and Sections 4 and 5 of Township 23 S.". One addition to the above description is added in this document: Four pieces of rebar are installed in the ground at the north, south, east, and west quadrants. Each is approximately 15 feet away from the section corner. The rebar pieces were likely installed to anchor enhanced survey markings over the section corner for reference during an aerial survey.

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Feature 126. Sinkhole. This feature was not identified in the Valley Engineering (1980) report. The sinkhole measures approximately 10 foot long by 2 foot wide by 8 feet deep. The length of the opening trends northeast/southwest. No obvious water sources feed this feature.

Feature 127. Sprinkler Pivot Foundation. This feature was constructed after the Valley Engineering (1980) report was written. The current landowner is in the process of converting from an open ditch irrigation system to a more efficient pressurized irrigation system consisting of underground buried pipe and irrigation pivots. Newly constructed pivots, pivots under construction, miscellaneous piping and piping supplies, and evidence of recent trenching were encountered in numerous farm land locations within the pre-subsidence survey area.

Feature 128. Water Line Air Vent. This feature was constructed after the Valley Engineering (1980) report was written. A water line air vent (Wade Rain PRVC 300) is installed on an underground water line. It is protected from livestock damage by metal tee posts and heavy gauge galvanized wire mesh. The current landowner is in the process of converting from an open ditch irrigation system to a more efficient pressurized irrigation system consisting of underground buried pipe and irrigation pivots. Newly constructed pivots, pivots under construction, miscellaneous piping and piping supplies, and evidence of recent trenching were encountered in numerous locations near this feature.

Feature 129. Underground Electrical Feed. This feature was constructed after the Valley Engineering (1980) report was written. Power in the utility power line (Feature 5) was tapped by installing a transformer and branch power lines on the existing pole to feed a new a power pole to the east. Power routed to the eastern pole runs down the pole, through a meter, and then enters an underground electrical conduit. A scar in the vegetation that extends west toward a new irrigation pivot suggests that power is feed to the pivot from this location.

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Feature 130. Irrigation Ditch Sinkhole. This feature was disco vered by the current land owner, William Boyd Stansfield Jr., after the Valley Engineering (1980) report was written. The closest underground mining activity to this location, 2 West Submains, is located 2,665 feet away. At that distance, it is not possible that historic mining activity caused this feature to form. In addition, future mining activity is very unlikely to affect this feature, because it is located within a buffer zone, depicted on Figure 1 and Plate V-5, where subsidence is not anticipated. Per Mr. Stansfield, a sinkhole opened up across the ditch line in 2015 while the ditch contained flowing irrigation water. The hole measured approximately 5 feet in diameter with an unknown depth. The entire ditch (trapezoidal in shape, measuring roughly 4 feet wide at the top, 1.5 feet wide at the bed, and 2 feet tall) of flowing irrigation water disappeared into this hole and did not surface, he attempted to plug off the hole by installing up to 15 cubic yards of soil into the opening. It became saturated and disappeared into the hole. After turning water out of this ditch, he placed enough soil in the hole to fill it to the surface and installed a 16 inch diameter by 15 feet long length of HDPE piping to cross over the sinkhole. Since that time water has flowed through the 16 inch HDPE pipe, however, he has not exceeded approximately one half of the quantity of water in the ditch that was flowing on the day the sinkhole opened up.

Feature 131. Mine Discharge Pond No. 1. This feature was constructed after the Valley Engineering (1980) report was written. The rectangular pond measures approximately 800 feet x 130 feet x 11 feet deep. This pond is described on Plate VI-14 of the mine reclamation plan.

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# CHAPTER 3
# CONCLUSIONS

This report summarizes pre-subsidence surface conditions for the following areas at Bronco's Emery Mine, Emery County, Utah, that will be accessed through the Emery 2 portal:

- Boxcut
- Mains
- Sub-Panel-01
- Panel-01 through Panel-03
- Panel-04-Rt through Panel-07-Rt
- The southern ¾ of Panel-13-Rt
- The area south of the Mains up to the Permit Boundary, excluding the southern portion of the Sitla Lease ML 51745-0BA

Surface features were inspected and surveyed in November 2017 prior to full extraction. Although the damage due to subsidence is generally expected to be limited, the greatest potential for adverse effects would likely be disturbances to surface drainages, ponds, roads, and utilities. A planned barrier with minimal coal extraction rates underlying the ranch house and buildings (Feature 35) will minimize potential subsidence impacts for this feature. By detailing pre-subsidence conditions in this report, it will be easier to both identify and mitigate negative impacts caused by future subsidence.

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**FIGURE 1**

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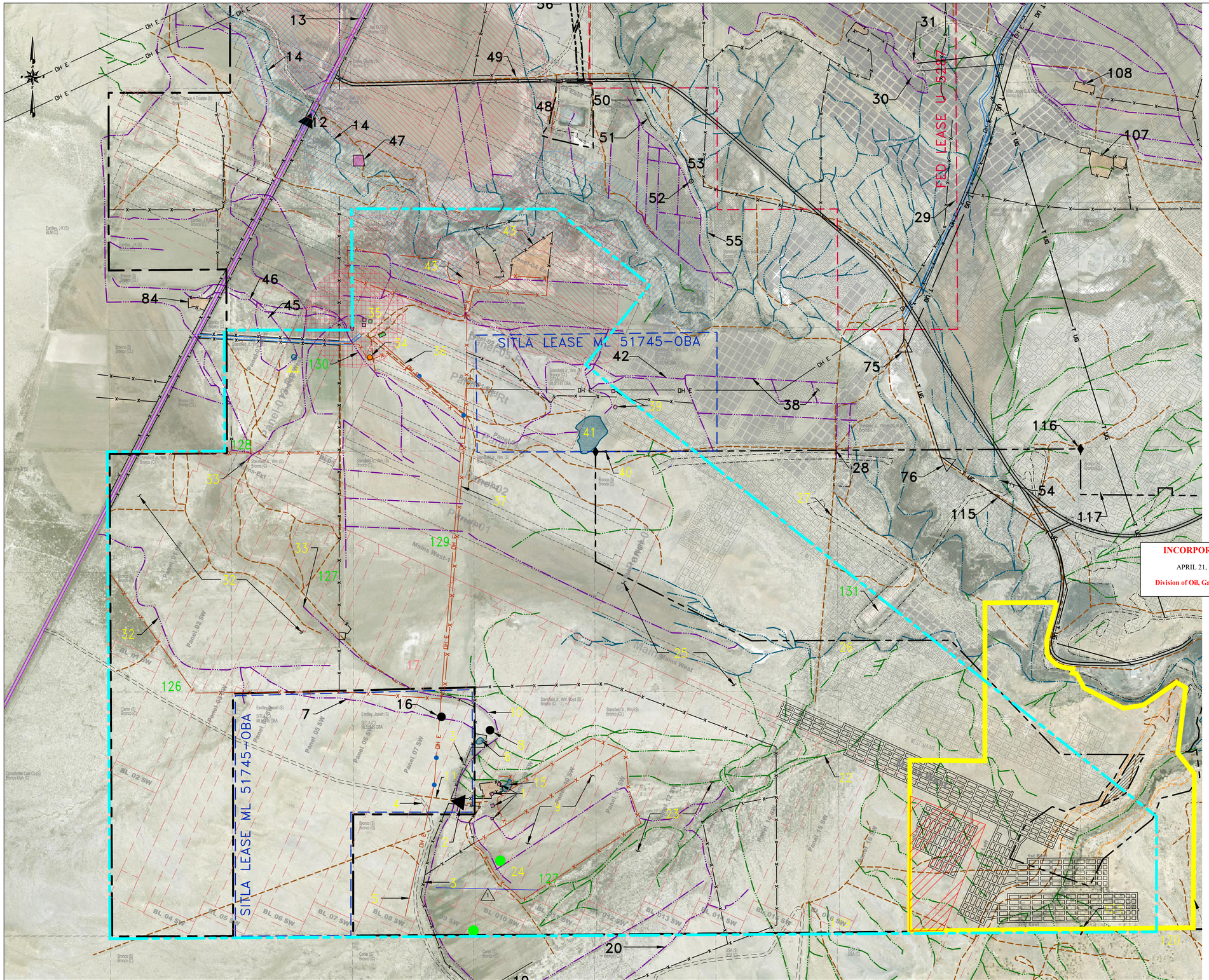


LEGEND

- PROPERTY OWNERSHIP
- PERMIT AREA BOUNDARY
- ADJACENT AREA FOR NON-WATER RESOURCES. FOR THE AREA OF HYDROLOGIC EVALUATION, SEE PLATE VI-4
- PROJECTED MINE WORKINGS
- 2019 EMERY MINE WORKINGS
- SEALED EMERY MINE OLD WORKS
- AVF BUFFER ZONES
- STREAM BUFFER ZONES (NO FULL EXTRACTION)
- STRUCTURAL BUFFER ZONES

LEGEND-VALLEY ENGINEERING PRE-SUBSIDENCE SURVEY (1980)

- SECONDARY, HARD SURFACE
- LIGHT DUTY ROAD, HARD OR IMPROVED SURFACE
- UNIMPROVED SURFACE
- T UG — UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE LINE
- DH E — OVERHEAD POWER LINE
- JEEP TRAILS
- NATURAL STREAMS
- DRY WASHES
- IRRIGATION DITCHES
- FENCE LINE
- POND
- CORRAL AREA
- CATTLE GUARD
- BRIDGE
- WELLS
- BUILDINGS
- 52 — FEATURE

LEGEND-EARTHFAX ENGINEERING PRE-SUBSIDENCE SURVEY (2017)

- SURVEY AREA BOUNDARY
- PAVED COUNTY ROAD (MAPPED 2017)
- FENCE LINE (SURVEYED 2017)
- DH E — OVERHEAD POWER LINE (SURVEYED 2017)
- 25 — FEATURE (MAPPED 1980/UPDATED 2017)
- 128 — FEATURE (MAPPED 2017)
- 17 — FEATURE REMOVED
- BUILDINGS (MAPPED 2017)
- WELL (MAPPED 1980/SURVEYED 2017)
- NON-VERTICAL POWER POLE (SURVEYED 2017)
- STANSFIELD EROSION HOLES (2019)

NOTES:

1. IN 1980, VALLEY ENGINEERING WAS COMMISSIONED TO PERFORM A PRE-SUBSIDENCE SURVEY COVERING THE ENTIRE EMERY MINE PERMIT AREA. FEATURES SUCH AS: ROADS, FENCES, STREAMS, IRRIGATION DITCHES, BRIDGES, WELLS, AND OTHER ITEMS WERE RECORDED IN THE FIELD AND DEPICTED ON HAND DRAWN MYLAR MAPS. FOR THIS UPDATE, THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE 1980 MAPS WAS DIGITIZED AND OVERLAIN ON THE AERIAL IMAGE. THE ALIGNMENT AND LOCATION OF SOME FEATURES DO NOT EXACTLY MATCH THE UNDERLYING AERIAL BECAUSE OF THE INHERENT IMPRECISION IN HAND DRAWINGS AND MINOR INACCURACIES INTRODUCED DURING THE DIGITIZING PROCESS. THE ALIGNMENT AND LOCATION OF THESE FEATURES WERE NOT UPDATED TO REFLECT THE AERIAL IMAGE, BUT WERE LEFT WHERE THEY WERE ORIGINALLY MAPPED TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE 1980 PRE-SUBSIDENCE SURVEY.
2. FEATURES MAPPED IN 1980 AND THAT WERE NOT PRESENT IN 2017 HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE MAP.
3. YELLOW HALO TEXT IDENTIFIES FEATURES THAT WERE MAPPED IN THE 1980 PRE-SUBSIDENCE SURVEY BUT WHOSE DESCRIPTIONS HAVE BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT CURRENT CONDITIONS.
4. GREEN HALO TEXT IDENTIFIES FEATURES THAT WERE ADDED SINCE THE 1980 PRE-SUBSIDENCE SURVEY.

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APPENDIX V-8, FIGURE 1
PRE-SUBSIDENCE SURVEY PRIOR TO FULL EXTRACTION
EMERY 2, SOUTH OF QUITCHUPAH CREEK

**ATTACHMENT A**

Site Photographs

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Feature 1. Ranch House, Buildings, and Corrals. Feature overview, looking east.

Feature 1. Ranch House, Buildings, and Corrals. Corrals.

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Feature 1. Ranch House, Buildings, and Corrals. Corrals.

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Feature 1. Ranch House, Buildings, and Corrals. Ranch House.

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Feature 1. Ranch House, Buildings, and Corrals. Ranch House.

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Feature 1. Ranch House, Buildings, and Corrals. Buildings. Cinder block building in foreground.

Feature 1. Ranch House, Buildings, and Corrals. Buildings.

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Feature 2. Irrigation Ditch and Bridge. Looking east.

Feature 3. Ranch Fence Line. Looking north along gated entrance to Feature 1.

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Feature 3. Ranch Fence Line. Looking north.

Feature 4. Ranch Access Road. Looking east.

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Feature 4. Ranch Access Road. Photo is taken farther east at split to Feature 11.

Feature 5. Utility Power Lines. Looking north.

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Feature 5. Utility Power Lines. Looking south.

Feature 6. Pond. A well (Feature 8.) is in the background.

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Feature 6. Pond. Bank erosion at far corner of pond.

Feature 6. Pond. Disintegrated pond liner.

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Feature 8. Well. Power line from pole to pump-house is disconnected.

Feature 8. Well. Piping is disconnected from wellhead.

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Feature 9. Farm Lands.

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Feature 9. Farm Lands. Piping supplies for future sprinkler pivot lying on ground.

Feature 10. Irrigation Ditch. Looking west.

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Feature 11. Unimproved Dirt Road. Looking east. This road loads to the ranch house, buildings, and corrals identified as Feature 1.

Feature 15. Pond. Breached berm in foreground.

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Feature 22. Dry Wash. Looking east.

Feature 23. Grassy Area. Looking east.

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Feature 23. Grassy Area. Looking west.

Feature 24. Irrigation Ditch Junction.

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Feature 25. Grassy Area. Looking east.

Feature 25. Grassy Area. Looking west.

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Feature 26. PVC Pipe Water Depth Gauge.

Feature 26. PVC Pipe Water Depth Gauge. *Rotate photo clockwise.*

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Feature 26. PVC Pipe Water Depth Gauge. *Rotate photo clockwise*. Graduated scale located in PVC tube.

Feature 26. PVC Pipe Water Depth Gauge. *Rotate photo clockwise.* Close up photo of graduated scale.

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Feature 27. Area Roads. Looking south. Road is impassable and bisected by Quitchupah Creek.

Feature 27. Area Roads. Looking north. Road disappears south of this location.

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Feature 32. Irrigation Ditch and Farm Land. Ditch replaced with pivot sprinklers.

Feature 32. Irrigation Ditch and Farm Land. Foundation for pivot sprinklers.

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Feature 32. Irrigation Ditch and Farm Land. Southern edge of farmland. Return irrigation ditch in foreground. Field has been regraded, eliminating need for irrigation ditch, background.

Feature 32. Irrigation Ditch and Farm Land. Underground water line feeding pivot sprinklers.

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Feature 33. Irrigation Ditch. Photo taken at north end of farm land (Feature 32.). The farm land was expanded and regraded, eliminating need for irrigation ditch.

Feature 34. Culinary Well.

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Feature 34. Culinary Well. Concrete pad surrounding wellhead is cracked and separated from rest of pad.

Feature 34. Culinary Well.

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Feature 34. Culinary Well. Concrete pad near conduit is cracked and offset.

Feature 34. Culinary Well. Looking north. Concrete pad is cracked and offset.

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Feature 34. Culinary Well. The corner of the cracked concrete pad surrounds the wellhead located in the well house.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Overview looking east.

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Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Overview looking northeast.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Overview looking north.

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Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Manufactured home looking east.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Manufactured home looking west.

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Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Manufactured home. Small cracks in foundation.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Manufactured home. Small foundation cracks, close-up.

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Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Manufactured home. Looking north.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Metal shed. Looking northeast.

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Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Metal shed. Looking outside through overhead door. Cracks in concrete floor.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Outhouse.

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Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Metal shed (right) and ranch house (left).

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Front view of ranch house.

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Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Side view of ranch house. Adobe wall crumbled. Sagging roof.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Rear view of ranch house. Adobe walls have crumbled.

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Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Wood building.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Wood building. View of foundation.

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Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Wood building.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Inside view of wood building.

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Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Concrete structure. This may be an old septic tank.

Feature 35. Ranch House and Buildings. Elevated fuel tanks located on east side of metal shed.

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Feature 36. Utility Power Line. Looking southeast.

Feature 36. Utility Power Line. Looking northwest. Top of pole in foreground leans slightly left.

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Feature 37. Feed Pens and Fence Line. Looking north.

Feature 39. Log Cabins. Overview looking south. Cabin 1 in foreground.

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Feature 39. Log Cabins. Looking east along power line. Top of pole in foreground leans to left.

Feature 39. Log Cabins. Cabin 1 looking south.

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Feature 39. Log Cabins. Inside view of cabin 1.

Feature 39. Log Cabins. Concrete structure outside cabin 1. Likely a septic tank.

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Feature 39. Log Cabins. Cabin 2 founded on rock pieces.

Feature 40. Section Corner Marker. Top view of maker. Top of photo to north.

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Feature 40. Section Corner Marker. Looking east.

Feature 41. Pond. Looking southwest at face of earthen dam. This dam situated between two small hills forms the north side of the pond.

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Feature 41. Pond. Water exits this pond through a 16" PVC riser near the dam.

Feature 43. Corrals and Grain Silo. Looking north from center of corral.

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Feature 43. Corrals and Grain Silo. Looking east from center of corral.

Feature 43. Corrals and Grain Silo. Looking west from center of corral.

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Feature 43. Corrals and Grain Silo. Looking south at grain silo.

Feature 44. Pond, Livestock Waterer, and Water Line Air Vent. Pond.

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Feature 44. Pond, Livestock Waterer, and Water Line Air Vent. Livestock waterer on concrete slab.

Feature 44. Pond, Livestock Waterer, and Water Line Air Vent. Water line air vent.

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Feature 119. Quarter Section Corner Marker. Top view of maker. Top of photo to north.

Feature 119. Quarter Section Corner Marker. Looking east.

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Feature 120. Steel Pipes. Top view of 1st pipe.

Feature 120. Steel Pipes. Side view of 1st pipe.

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Feature 120. Steel Pipes. Side view of 2nd pipe.

Feature 121. Section Corner Marker. Top view of maker. Top of photo to north.

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Feature 121. Section Corner Marker. Looking east.

Feature 126. Sinkhole. Looking east.

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Feature 126. Sinkhole. Top view. Minimum depth is 8 foot.

Feature 127. Sprinkler Pivot Foundation. 1st location.

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Feature 127. Sprinkler Pivot Foundation. 2nd location.

Feature 128. Water Line Air Vent.

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Feature 129. Underground Electrical Feed. Looking north. Underground electrical conduit stub-up is attached to pole at right.

Feature 129. Underground Electrical Feed. Looking west. Disturbed soil where underground electrical line was recently installed to feed a future sprinkler pivot.

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Feature 130. Irrigation Ditch Sinkhole. Looking southeast at HDPE pipe installed over sinkhole.

Feature 131. Mine Discharge Pond No. 1. Looking northeast at empty pond.

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# CHAPTER V

## APPENDIX V-8 Addendum
## Stansfield Erosion Hole Report
## (See App V-8 Fig 1 for location of sinkholes)

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## John A. Gefferth

**From:** Rich White <rich@rbwhitepe.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, January 10, 2019 10:58 AM
**To:** John A. Gefferth
**Subject:** Re: FW: Stansfield Holes

John:

Based on my re view, I offer the following:

- The current (Emery 2 portal) mine works closest to the sink holes are located approximately 0.74 mile to the northeast. The old mine works (Emery portal) closest to the sink holes are located about 0.82 mile to the northeast. Plate VI-6 indicates that this old area was mined in 1981.
- At the location of the current (Emery 2 portal) mine works, Plate V-20 indicates that the elevation of the top of the I seam is about 5750 feet. Data from Google Earth indicate that the surface elevation above the western extent of these mine works is about 5960 feet, indicating a cover depth of about 200 feet.
- Plate V-20 indicates that the top of the I seam at the location of the sink holes is at an elevation of about 5550 feet. Data from Google Earth indicates that the ground surface at the sink holes is at an elevation of about 6000 feet. Thus, the depth of cover at the sink holes is about 450 feet.
- The drillhole log from the "AA" wells indicates that the cover over the coal consists of approximately 120 feet of sandstone, with interfingered thin lenses of shale, overlain by shale. The cover at the sink holes is approximately 200 feet thicker than at the "AA" wells. Plate 2 from USGS Water Supply Paper 2195 indicates that the thickness of the Ferron Sandstone increases slightly to the west between the "AA" wells the the sink hole location, suggesting that the majority of the increased cover between these two locations is likely composed predominantly of shale from the Blue Gate Member of the Mancos Shale.
- A comparison of data on Plate VI-1 (1979 Kmf(u) potentiometric surface) with the recently revised Plate VI-7 (2018 Kmf(u) potentiometric surface) indicates that groundwater is currently about 160 lower in the area of the sink holes than it was before substantial groundwater drawdown in that area.

In order for the sink holes to have occurred due to subsidence effects from mining (without full extraction) nearly 3/4 mile away it would have been necessary for the angle of draw to exceed 80%. Such a condition is highly improbable.

Subsidence from groundwater withdrawal occurs when unconsolidated sediments experience compaction due to the release of water from compressible silts and clays. This rarely occurs in consolidated rock since the physical properties of the matrix are generally not affected by the presence of water. Therefore, it is also highly improbably that groundwater drawdown due to pumping from the mine would have created the sink holes.

Please let me know if you have any questions. #

Rich

On 1/10/2019 9:32 AM, John A. Gefferth wrote:

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**Subject:** Stansfield Holes

John,

The Red Pushpin is in the approximate location of the holes.

Thanks,

Kit

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**SUPPLEMENT TO THE DECEMBER 2017**
**PRE-SUBSIDENCE SURVEY IN THE VICINITY OF THE**
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In December 2017, EarthFax Engineering Group, LLC prepared a document entitled "*Pre-Subsidence Survey Prior to Full Extraction, Emery 2 Portal, South of Quitchupah Creek*." In December 2018, a local landowner (Bill Stansfield) reported the existence of sinkholes on his property prior to the onset of mining in the vicinity. The purpose of this report is to supplement the 2017 pre-subsidence report with information regarding the recently-discovered sinkholes and related features on the Stansfield property.

**Existing Conditions**

The Stansfield sinkholes are identified on Appendix 8, Figure 1 as Feature 132. These sinkholes occurred in fine-grained soil that exists within irrigated fields. Review of an aerial photograph obtained from the Utah Geological Survey[1] indicates that this field has been in agricultural use since at least 1954. Observations made during an assessment of the subject field and areas immediately up- and downstream therefrom (EarthFax Engineering, 2018) suggest that the field recently underwent regrading and leveling.

Figure 2 of this supplement shows the locations of the sinkholes plotted on a Google Earth image dated July 26, 2015. Also shown on this figure are historic ephemeral flow paths as suggested by lineations on the Google Earth image. Note that the sinkholes generally line up with the historic flow paths.

Figure 3 of this supplement contains photographs that are typical of the sinkholes on the Stansfield property. These sinkholes average about 2 to 3 feet in diameter and depth, with a minimum of about 1 foot in diameter and depth and a maximum of about 6 feet in diameter and depth. Subsurface piping of soil is evident at the bottom of the sinkholes in some locations.

**Potential Causes**

Sieber (2019)[2] investigated the Stansfield sinkholes on behalf of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service and noted from field observations that "at least six sinkholes were observed in a linear pattern running parallel to the existing drainage features. On closer inspection it was noticed that the sink holes appear to be connected via subsurface channeling across the field." He further noted that a depression appeared to cross the field from southwest to northeast and that "drainage water entered the [southwest edge of the] field and was immediately absorbed into the ground." Sieber (2019),

[1] https://geodata.geology.utah.gov/imagery/, image AMS_137-5-436_C, dated 7 Nov 1954 and downloaded 12 Aug 2019
[2] Sieber, A.T. 2019. Stansfield Ranch Sinkhole Geological Investigation. File Code 011-02-2019. U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service. Salt Lake City, Utah.

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however, discounted subsurface erosion (i.e., piping) of the soil as causes of the sinkholes. Rather, he attributed the sinkholes to compaction of the underlying aquifer due to groundwater withdrawals.

Based on the following, it is also unlikely that groundwater withdrawals and mine-related subsidence created the sinkholes:

- The current (Emery 2 portal) mine works closest to the sinkholes are located approximately 0.74 mile to the northeast. The old mine works (Emery portal) closest to the sinkholes are located about 0.82 mile to the northeast. Plate VI-6 of the Mining and Reclamation Plan ("M&RP") indicates that this old area was mined in 1981.
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In order for the sink holes to have occurred due to subsidence effects from mining (without full extraction) nearly 3/4 mile away it would have been necessary for the angle of draw to exceed 80%. Such a condition is also highly improbable.

Given the above conditions, the more probable cause of the sinkholes is subsurface erosion due to soil piping. Piping occurs when water erodes subsurface soil and creates "tunnels" known as soil pipes. The general alignment of the sinkholes with historic ephemeral channels suggests that initial and subsequent regrading of the field may have left soils within the historic channel less compacted than in adjacent areas, providing a route for the piping to occur. When piping occurs near the surface, the soil can collapse, thereby creating sinkholes.

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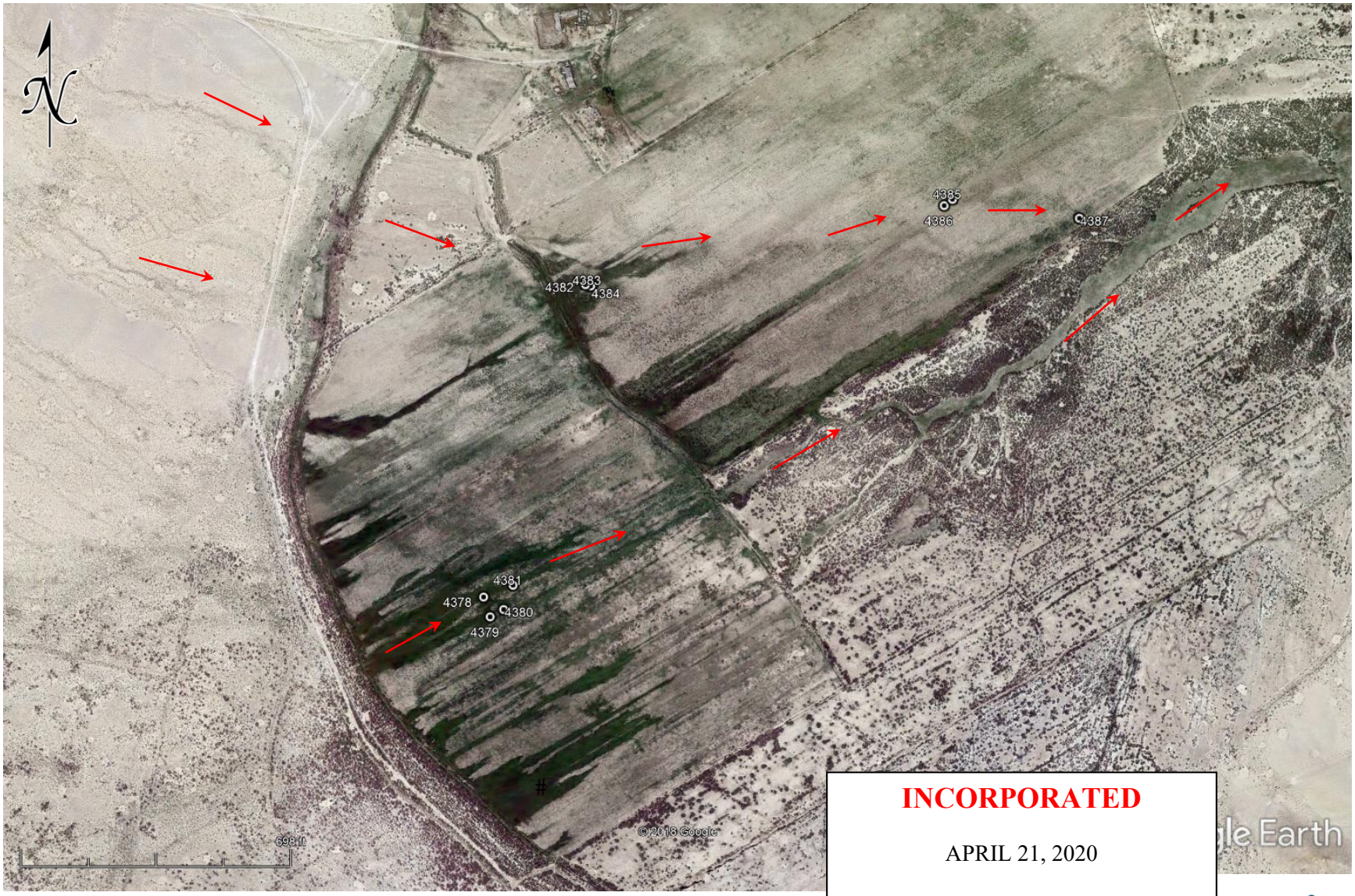


BASE: GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE DATED 26 JUL 2015

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**FIGURE 2. LOCATION OF STANSFIELD SINKHOLES AND HISTORIC EPHEMERAL FLOW PATHS.**

a. Typical sinkhole. Photo from DOGM Inspection Report 6312 (Dec 2018).

b. Typical sinkhole showing upstream depression. Photo from NRCS (2019).

**FIGURE 3. TYPICAL SINKHOLES ON STANSFIELD PROPERTY.**

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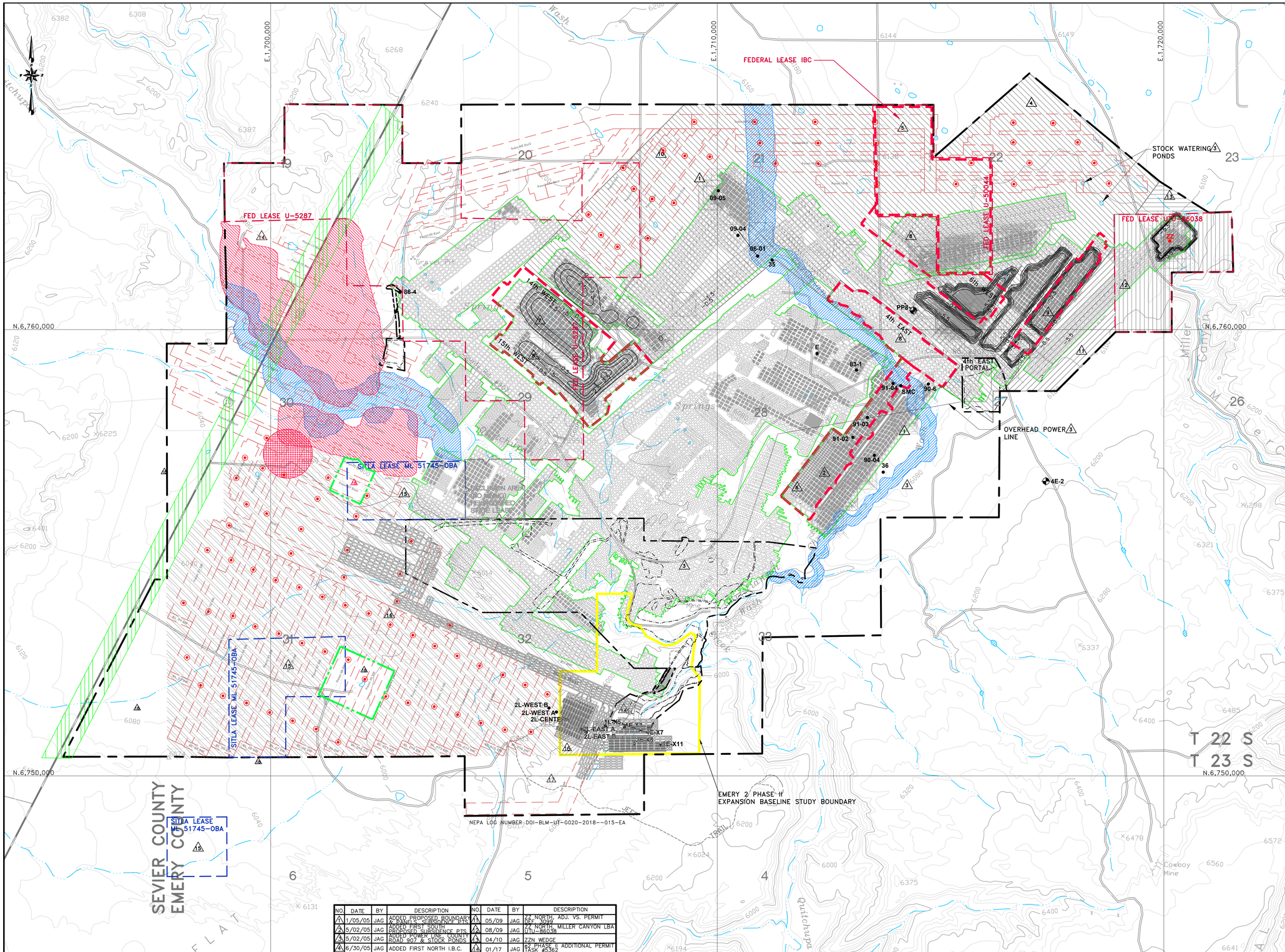


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## LEGEND

- PERMIT AREA BOUNDARY
- ADJACENT AREA FOR NON-WATER RESOURCES. FOR THE AREA OF HYDROLOGIC EVALUATION, SEE PLATE VI-4
- AVF BUFFFER ZONES (NO FULL EXTRACTION)
- STREAM BUFFER ZONES (NO FULL EXTRACTION)
- STRUCTURAL BUFFER ZONE (NO FULL EXTRACTION)
- HIGHWAY 10 BUFFER ZONE (NO FULL EXTRACTION)
- 85-2 SUBSIDENCE MONITORING POINT (CURRENTLY BEING MONITORED)
- SUBSIDENCE MONITORING POINT (PROPOSED)
- 4E-2 SURVEYED CONTROL POINT
- ARCHEOLOGICAL BUFFER ZONE (NO FULL EXTRACTION) (SEE ARCHEOLOGICAL MAP PLATE X.A-I)
- PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FULL EXTRACTION
- SEALED EMERY MINE OLD WORKS
- 2ND LEFT — PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AREA TO BE FULLY EXTRACTED
- PREDICTED DEPTH OF SUBIDENCE ISOPACHS (FT.)
- PROJECTED MINE WORKINGS

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| 3 | 5/02/05 | JAG | ADDED POWER LINE, COUNTY ROAD 907 & STOCK PONDS | 13 | 04/10 | JAG | ZZN WEDGE |
| 4 | 6/30/05 | JAG | ADDED FIRST NORTH I.B.C. | 14 | 01/17 | JAG | 62 PHASE I ADDITIONAL PERMIT TASK #6262 |
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| 7 | 04/07 | JAG | 14th WEST FULL EXTRACTION PLAN | 16 | 01/19 | JAG | 2ND LEFT FULL EXTRACTION |
| 8 | 07/07 | JAG | 15th WEST, 6th WEST AND 4th EAST FULL EXTRACTION | 17 | 03/19 | JAG | RIGHT OF WAY EXPANSION |
| 9 | 03/08 | JAG | ADDITIONAL FULL EXTRACTION | 18 | 04/20 | JAG | FULL EXT. TASK #6122 |
| 10 | 09/08 | JAG | LIFE OF MINE FULL EXTRACTION | | | | |

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SUBSIDENCE MONITORING POINTS AND BUFFER ZONES

## TABLE VI-17

Emery Mine Hydrologic Monitoring Program

| Parameter | Surface Water Monitoring Stations | Sampled Wells | Other Wells | Springs/Seeps | UPDES Outfalls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monitoring Site Names | SWMS-1A, SWMS-2, SWMS-3, SWMS-4, SWMS-5, SWMS-8, SWMS-9, SWMS-10, SWMS-11, SWMS-12 | Emery Town Well 1[(a)], Kemmerer, RDA-2, RDA-4, RDA-6, SM1-3, TP-U, T1-B, T1-U, USGS4-1 | H-U, MUDDY #1, Pump 3 MW, R-1, R-2B, R-2M, AA-B, AA-U. AA-M, AA-L, USGS2-1, Bryant Well, Emery Town Well 2[(a)] | SP-10, SP-11, SP-13, SP-14, SP-15 | 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 009 |
| Monitoring Frequency | Quarterly | Quarterly, except RDA wells (annual) | Quarterly | Quarterly flows. Samples in 2nd and 3rd quarters | Per permit |
| Field Measurements | | | | | |
| Flow | X | | | X | X |
| Water Level | | X | X | | |
| pH (field) | X | X | | X | X |
| Sp. Cond. (field) | X | X | | X | |
| Water Temp. (field) | X | X | | X | |
| Laboratory Measurements | | | | | |
| Total Settleable Solids | X | | | | |
| Total Suspended Solids | X | | | | X |
| Total Dissolved Solids | X | X | | X | X |
| Total Hardness (as $CaCO_3$) | X | X | | X | |
| Oil and Grease | X | | | | X |
| Acidity (as $CaCO_3$) | X | | | | |
| Carbonate | X | X | | X | |
| Bicarbonate | X | X | | X | |
| Alkalinity (as $CaCO_3$) | | | | | |
| Calcium, Total | X | | | | |
| Calcium, Dissolved | X | X | | X | |
| Chloride | X | X | | X | |
| Iron, Total | X | | | | X |
| Iron, Dissolved | | X | | X | |
| Magnesium, Total | X | | | | |
| Magnesium, Dissolved | | X | | X | |
| Manganese, Total | X | | | | |
| Manganese, Dissolved | | X | | X | |
| Potassium, Total | X | | | | |
| Potassium, Dissolved | | X | | X | |
| Sodium, Total | X | | | | |
| Sodium, Dissolved | | X | | X | |
| Sulfate | | X | | X | |

[(a)] Due to physical limitations in the Emery town wells (see text), water-quality samples will be collected from Well #1 and water-level data will be collected from Well #2. Bronco will evaluate data collected from the Emery town wells, using hydrographs and other appropriate means, and submit a report of findings to DOGM with the annual report.

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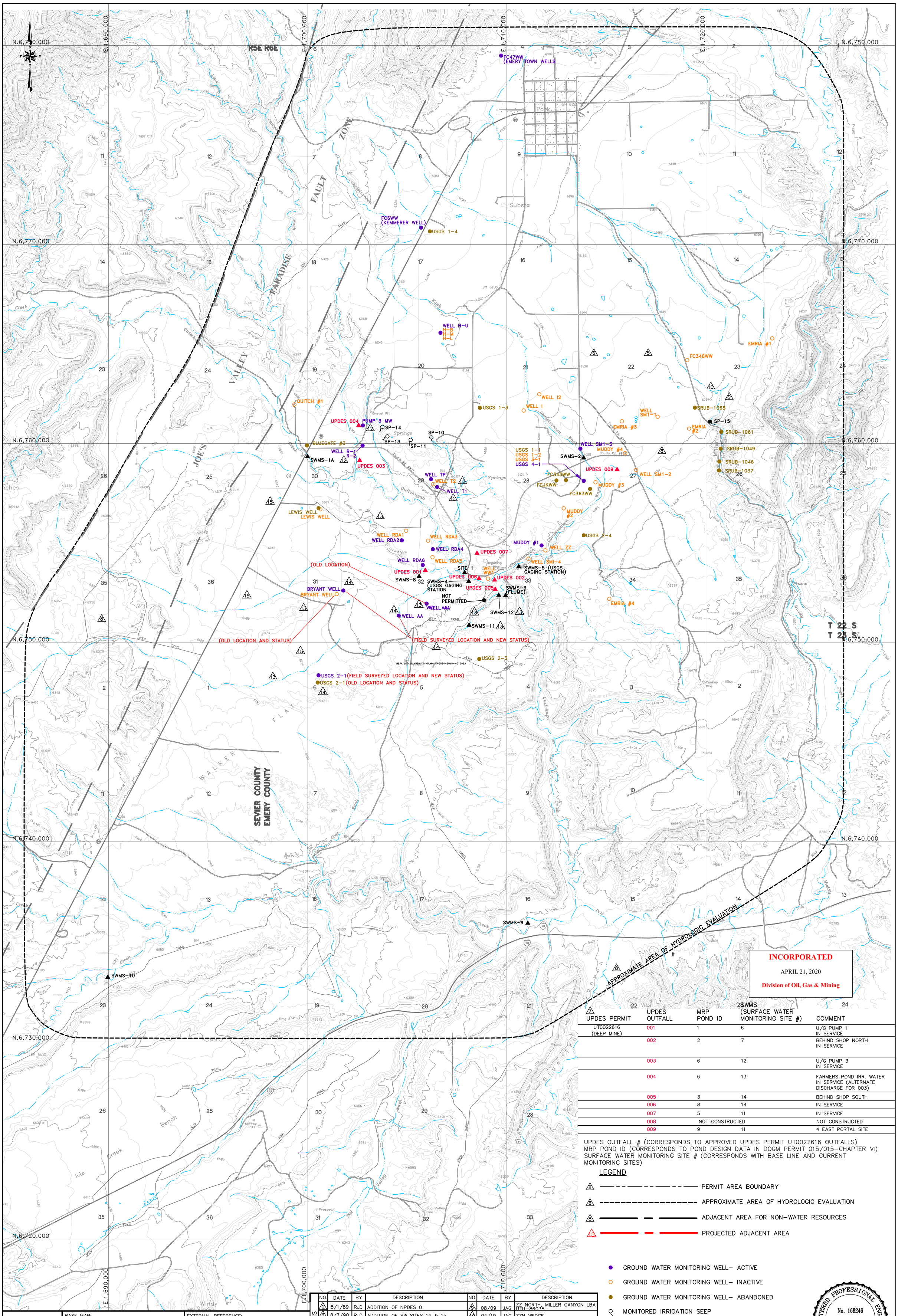


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|---|---|---|---|---|
| UT0022616 (DEEP MINE) | 001 | 1 | 6 | U/G PUMP 1 IN SERVICE |
| | 002 | 2 | 7 | BEHIND SHOP NORTH IN SERVICE |
| | 003 | 6 | 12 | U/G PUMP 3 IN SERVICE |
| | 004 | 6 | 13 | FARMERS POND IRR. WATER IN SERVICE (ALTERNATE DISCHARGE FOR 003) |
| | 005 | 3 | 14 | BEHIND SHOP SOUTH |
| | 006 | 8 | 14 | IN SERVICE |
| | 007 | 5 | 11 | IN SERVICE |
| | 008 | NOT CONSTRUCTED | | NOT CONSTRUCTED |
| | 009 | 9 | 11 | 4 EAST PORTAL SITE |

UPDES OUTFALL # (CORRESPONDS TO APPROVED UPDES PERMIT UT0022616 OUTFALLS)
MRP POND ID (CORRESPONDS TO POND DESIGN DATA IN DOGM PERMIT 015/015-CHAPTER VI)
SURFACE WATER MONITORING SITE # (CORRESPONDS WITH BASE LINE AND CURRENT MONITORING SITES)

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- APPROXIMATE AREA OF HYDROLOGIC EVALUATION
- ADJACENT AREA FOR NON-WATER RESOURCES
- PROJECTED ADJACENT AREA
- GROUND WATER MONITORING WELL- ACTIVE
- GROUND WATER MONITORING WELL- INACTIVE
- GROUND WATER MONITORING WELL- ABANDONED
- MONITORED IRRIGATION SEEP
- MONITORED SPRING
- SURFACE WATER MONITORING SITE
- UPDES DISCHARGE POINT

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# PLATE VI-4
# GROUND WATER MONITORING WELL AND SURFACE WATER MONITORING SITE LOCATION MAP

# CHAPTER VIII VEGETATION


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DEFINITIONS:

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|---|---|
| E- Endangered | The classification provided to an animal or plant in danger of extinction within the foreseeable future throughout all of a significant portion of its range. |
| E Experimental | An “endangered” taxon that is considered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to be experimental and non-essential in their designated use areas in Utah. |
| Ext – Extirpated | A species no longer surviving in regions that were once part of their range. |
| T-Threatened | A species which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range - as defined in the Endangered Species Act. |
| C - Candidate | Plants and animals that have been studied and the Service has concluded that they should be proposed for addition to the Federal endangered and threatened species list. |

A burrowing owl survey will be conducted prior to full extraction mining in areas where planned subsidence is contemplated per CH V, Plate V-5 (Subsidence Monitoring Points and Buffer Zones) prior to planned subsidence. Appropriate burrowing owl survey protocols will be employed. The studies will be conducted at a suitable time of the year, or between March 15 and October 31 with priority given to between April 15 and July 15 during peak breeding season (when possible). First, the suitable habitat (in this case prairie-dog towns) will surveyed to determine whether or not the burrows are active. ‘Active’ means if they were used by prairie dogs, owls or other animals such as rabbits. Once it was ascertained that the site may be active, observation areas will be chosen that provide the best views of the burrow areas to survey for the presence of the owls.

This study will concentrate on the prairie dog towns located within the angle of draw of the particular study area. The surveys will consist of site visits on three to four separate days. The visits will be planned with for a combination of morning and evening surveys. The morning surveys were conducted from one-half hour before sunrise until two hours after whereas the evening surveys will be conducted from two hours before sunset until one-half hour after) at observation stations far enough away from the town, but close enough to observe burrowing owls using high magnification field scopes. Additionally, call broadcast recordings will played each at each observation station. “Passive” surveys during the daytime hours may also augment the morning and evening surveys.

Assessment of the impacts of subsidence on individual burrows following subsidence events will be conducted to observe impacts to the structure and the integrity of individual burrows. These assessments will consist of photo documentation of surface conditions as well as investigation for signs of physical activity.
The above studies will be completed annually.

All appropriate parameters and data will recorded on data sheets during the field survey. These data sheets have been included in a final report that will be submitted to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining via the Annual Report.

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# BURROWING OWL SURVEY

at the

Emery 2 Full Extraction Area

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2019

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# INTRODUCTION

Sensitive Species Surveys

The Emery Mine is a coal mine located in south-central Utah. The mine has plans to expand their underground operations in the Emery 2 Area into what they call the *Full Extraction Area*. This mining will probably result in subsidence to the ground surface. Consequently, this subsidence could impact known local prairie-dog towns (Fig. 1). Moreover, white-tailed prairie-dog (*Cynomys leucurus*) holes are sometimes used by burrowing owls (*Athene cunicularia*), a Utah sensitive species (Fig 2).

Figure 1: Prairie-dog burrow at the study site

Burrowing owls have been listed on Utah's Sensitive Species list as a "*wildlife species of concern*". The State of Utah, Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) states that species of concern "*are those species for which there is credible scientific evidence to substantiate a threat to continued population viability. It is anticipated that wildlife species of concern designations will identify species for which conservation actions are needed, and that timely and appropriate conservation actions implemented on their behalf will preclude the need to list these species under the provisions of the federal Endangered Species Act*".

Figure 2: White-tailed prairie-dog.
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Field investigations were first conducted to survey for active prairie-dog towns and, if found, follow up

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surveys for burrowing owls were planned and conducted in the Emery 2 Full Extraction Area of the Emery Mine in 2019.

Burrowing Owls in Utah

Burrowing owls (Figure 3) can be found in annual and perennial grasslands as well as deserts and shrub-lands such as those areas near the Emery Mine site. In the salt deserts of Utah they are most often associated with prairie-dog towns where they use their burrows for protection, shelter and nesting. They typically prefer areas where the vegetative canopy cover is less than 30 percent.

Figure 3: Burrowing Owl. Image courtesy of www.naturespicsonline.com

Most of the burrowing owls here migrate away from Utah in November. Research suggests that owls nesting in Utah migrate toward Baja, California and return to Utah in March (DWR Wildlife Notebook Series No. 11). Soon after they return to Utah, the male birds begin to select burrows as potential nests. Although other animal burrows are utilized (i.e. yellow-bellied marmots, badgers, rock squirrels), the owls often choose prairie-dog holes for their nesting activities.

After a burrow for nesting has been selected, courtship for the owls begins. Often, just prior to egg-laying, the male owl often collects pieces of dry cow or horse dung and places them on the entrance mound (DWR Wildlife Notebook Series No. 11). The female then spreads the dung from the entrance and lines the burrow to mask their scent as a defense mechanism from predators.

Unless the nest is destroyed during the breeding season, the female generally lays only one



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clutch. The female lies on the eggs for 21-28 days while the male does the food hunting for them. The female acts as the sole incubator of the eggs. The young birds hatch at different times and as a consequence, the age of their young may vary by as much as two weeks.

Twenty-one days after hatching, the young owls are active on the ground, running and exercising their wings prior to taking flight. At eight weeks of age, the young owls are practicing prey capture by chasing insects and jumping on dead or dying insects brought to them by their parents. Shortly after this stage, the young will begin hunting on their own (DWR Wildlife Notebook Series No. 11).

# METHODS

Prairie Dog Towns

The Full Extraction Area was first surveyed for prairie-dog towns. The active towns were used as locations to then survey for burrowing owls.

Protocol Field Surveys

Survey methods followed those recommended by the Colorado Division of Wildlife Resources (Klute 2008). This reference suggests timing of surveys should be conducted for burrowing owl activities between March 15th and October 31st. Even though burrowing owls are active throughout the day, peak activity has been noted in the mornings and evenings which are the most favorable periods of survey (Conway and Simon 2003).

Morning and evening protocol surveys were being conducted in 2019 within the study area. Four (4) observation stations were chosen for optimal views of the active prairie-dog towns. Binoculars and a spotting scope were used to monitor the towns. Additionally, two (2) call-broadcast recordings were played for 10 minutes each at each station. All appropriate parameters and data were recorded for the surveys on data sheets.

The survey plans included visiting the study area on three separate occasions for the active

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protocol surveys. One morning and two evening surveys were planned for at the study site. The morning surveys were to be conducted from ½ hour before until two hours after sunrise, whereas the evening surveys were conducted beginning *at least* two hours before until ½ hour after sunset.

Passive Field Surveys

Although the above protocol for morning and evening visits was followed for the formal surveys, owls are also active throughout the day. Consequently, surveys were also conducted outside the above-mentioned morning and evening survey periods. These periods were called "passive surveys" in this report. Survey times and results from all surveys at the Full Extraction Area at the Emery Mine have been included in the RESULTS section of this report.

# RESULTS

On-site Burrowing Owl Studies

Listed below are the survey data and a brief summary of results for the burrowing studies conducted at the Emery Mine Full Extraction Area. Greater detail can be found in the field data sheets included in this report.

1. Field surveys (July 30, 2019).
    a. A field visit was first conducted at the site with *Emery Mine* representatives (Kit Pappas and Brad Parrish) and *Mt. Nebo Scientific, Inc.* (Patrick Collins). The purpose of this visit was to identify the surface boundary of the Full Extraction Area then locate and mark the active prairie-dog colonies within the area with a GPS unit so that burrowing owls survey plans and methods could be designed.

2. Field surveys (September 24, 2019)
    a. A morning burrowing owl survey was conducted.
        i. No owls were observed.
    b. A passive survey was conducted later.
        i. No owls were observed.

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3. Field surveys (September 25, 2019)
    a. A passive burrowing owl survey was conducted in the afternoon .
        i. No owls were observed.

4. Field surveys (October 2, 2019)
    a. A passive burrowing owl survey was conducted in the afternoon.
        i. No owls were observed.
    b. An evening burrowing owl survey was conducted.
        i. No owls were observed.

5. Field surveys (October 16, 2019)
    a. A passive burrowing owl survey was conducted in the afternoon.
        i. No owls were observed.
    b. An evening burrowing owl survey was conducted.
        i. No owls were observed.

# SUMMARY

Burrowing owl, a Utah sensitive species, are known to be present in Emery County, Utah. In fact, previous surveys near the Emery Mine have been conducting and burrowing owls have been observed (Collins 2008, 2011). The surveys conducted in the Emery 2 Full Extraction Area at the Emery Mine site in September and October 2019 described in this report did not find burrowing owls present.

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# DATA SHEET
(3 Survey Periods)

**SPECIES**: Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*)

**SURVEY DATE & TIME**:
1) 24 September 2019
6:40 am - 9:50 am (extended protocol survey)

2) 24 September 2019
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm (passive survey)

3) 25 September 2019
10:00 am - 1:00 pm (passive survey)

**SITE/NEST NUMBERS**: EMPD01, EMPD02, EMPD03, EMPD04

**OBSERVER(S)**: P.D. Collins

**LOCATION STUDY SITE**: Burrow site numbers and coordinates

| GPS NAME | COORDINATES (UTM NAD 27) | TOWN NO. (MAP A) | PHOTOS |
|---|---|---|---|
| EMPD01 | 12S 0474854m E, 4301790m N. | No. 1 | Figure 4 |
| EMPD02 | 12S 0475000m E, 4301896m N | No. 2 | Figure 5 |
| EMPD03 | 12S 0474933m E, 4301237m N. | No. 3 | Figure 6 |
| EMPD04 | 12S 0475250m E, 4300591m N. | No. 4 | Figure 7 |

**LOCATION OF OBSERVATION OF BURROWS** (as well as comments which would be applicable e.g. observability of burrows, view of burrows from above/same level/or below, estimated distance to burrows):

Four (4) observation stations were used

| GPS NAME | COORDINATES (UTM NAD 27) | STATION (MAP A) |
|---|---|---|
| EMStaA | 12S 0474923m E. 4301729m N. | A |
| EMStaB | 12S 0474889m E. 4301327m N. | B |
| EMStaC | 12S 0475282m E. 4300567m N | C |
| EMStaD | 12S 0474935m E. 4301898m N | D |

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**OPTICS USED FOR OBSERVATIONS** (binoculars/scope):

Binoculars: Swarovski CL, 18X25 and Swarovski EL, 10X42, 6.3°
Spotting Scope: Swarovski EL, 20-60X zoom

**DISTANCE AND VISUAL LINE OF SIGHT FROM BURROWS TO PROPOSED DISTURBANCE:**

Rotated to each observation point every 20-25 minutes.
All burrows could be seen from each observation point varying the line-of-site distances from burrows from 200 ft to 850 ft.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS**:

1) September 24, 2019 - Protocol (morning) survey: 39° to 60° F; clear skies, calm.

2) September 24, 2019 - Passive (afternoon) survey: 78-79° clear skies, breezes at ~10 mph from the WSW.

3) September 25, 2019 - Passive (mid-day) survey: 55-65°; clear skies, calm.

**NEST DESCRIPTION** (including condition, location, elevation, as well as applicable comments):

Active prairie dog towns (burrow clusters) were the focus of observations some were located quite close to each other where as others were 25 ft to 50 ft apart.

| TOWN NO. (MAP A) | ELEVATION (above sea level) | NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITY | CURRENT PLANT COMMUNITY |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 01 | 6,005 ft | Greasewood | Weedy Pasture |
| No. 02 | 6,005 ft | Greasewood | Weedy Pasture |
| No. 03 | 6,019 ft | Greasewood | Alfalfa |
| No. 04 | 6,027 ft | Gardner Saltbush | Gardner Saltbush |

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**ACTIVITY/STATUS**

All prairie dog towns appeared active with prairie dogs, some of which were seen during the survey, with the exception of No. 4. These burrows were open but did not appear to be active. No burrowing owls were observed during these survey periods.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**:

**OPINION AND JUSTIFICATIONS OF BIOLOGIST ON SITE AS TO IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY ON HABITAT**:

Subsidence is expected in this area as a result of the proposed underground mining activities.

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# DATA SHEET

(2 Survey Periods)

**SPECIES**: Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*)

**SURVEY DATE & TIME**: 1) 2 October 2019
3:40 pm - 5:05 pm (passive survey)

2) 2 October 2019
5:05 pm - 7:40 pm (protocol survey)
(sunset: local 6:46 pm; regional 7:06 pm)

**SITE/NEST NUMBERS**: EMPD01, EMPD02, EMPD03, EMPD04

**OBSERVER(S)**: P.D. Collins

**LOCATION STUDY SITE**: Burrow site numbers and coordinates

| GPS NAME | COORDINATES (UTM NAD 27) | TOWN NO. (MAP A) | PHOTOS |
|---|---|---|---|
| EMPD01 | 12S 0474854m E, 4301790m N. | No. 1 | Figure 4 |
| EMPD02 | 12S 0475000m E, 4301896m N | No. 2 | Figure 5 |
| EMPD03 | 12S 0474933m E, 4301237m N. | No. 3 | Figure 6 |
| EMPD04 | 12S 0475250m E, 4300591m N. | No. 4 | Figure 7 |
| EMPD05 | 12S 0475289m E, 4300760m N. | No. 5 | (No Photo) |

**LOCATION OF OBSERVATION OF BURROWS** (as well as comments which would be applicable e.g. observability of burrows, view of burrows from above/same level/or below, estimated distance to burrows):

Four (4) observation stations were used

| GPS NAME | COORDINATES (UTM NAD 27) | STATION (MAP A) |
|---|---|---|
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Binoculars: Swarovski CL, 18X25 and Swarovski EL, 10X42, 6.3°
Spotting Scope: Swarovski EL, 20-60X zoom

**DISTANCE AND VISUAL LINE OF SIGHT FROM BURROWS TO PROPOSED DISTURBANCE:**

Rotated to each observation point every 20-25 minutes.
All burrows could be seen from each observation point varying the line-of-site distances from burrows from 200 ft to 850 ft.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS**:

1) Passive study range: 66°-67° clear skies, light breezes from the south at about 5-6 mph

2) Evening study range: 66° dropping to 58° F; clear skies, light breezes from the south at about 5-6 mph.

**NEST DESCRIPTION** (including condition, location, elevation, as well as applicable comments):

Active prairie dog towns (burrow clusters) were the focus of observations some were located quite close to each other where as others were 25 ft to 50 ft apart.

| TOWN NO. (MAP A) | ELEVATION (above sea level) | NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITY | CURRENT PLANT COMMUNITY |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 01 | 6,005 ft | Greasewood | Weedy Pasture |
| No. 02 | 6,005 ft | Greasewood | Weedy Pasture |
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**ACTIVITY/STATUS**

All prairie dog towns appeared active with prairie dogs, some of which were seen during the survey, with the exception of No. 4. These burrows were open but did not appear to be active. No burrowing owls were observed during these survey periods.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**:

Another active prairie dog town was found (No. 5) just north of No. 4. These burrows were added to the survey.

**OPINION AND JUSTIFICATIONS OF BIOLOGIST ON SITE AS TO IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY ON HABITAT**:

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# DATA SHEET
(2 Survey Periods)

**SPECIES**: Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*)

**SURVEY DATE & TIME**:
1) 16 October 2019
1:45 pm - 4:45 pm (passive survey)

2) 16 October 2019
4:45 pm - 7:15 pm (protocol survey)
(sunset: regional 6:45 pm)

**SITE/NEST NUMBERS**: EMPD01, EMPD02, EMPD03, EMPD04, EMPD05

**OBSERVER(S)**: P.D. Collins

**LOCATION STUDY SITE**: Burrow site numbers and coordinates

| GPS NAME | COORDINATES (UTM NAD 27) | TOWN NO. (MAP A) | PHOTOS |
|---|---|---|---|
| EMPD01 | 12S 0474854m E, 4301790m N. | No. 1 | Figure 4 |
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Spotting Scope: Swarovski EL, 20-60X zoom

**DISTANCE AND VISUAL LINE OF SIGHT FROM BURROWS TO PROPOSED DISTURBANCE:**

Rotated to each observation point every 20-25 minutes.
All burrows could be seen from each observation point varying the line-of-site distances from burrows from 200 ft to 850 ft.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATIONS**:

1) Afternoon passive survey range: 65° - 69° F; high clouds, light breezes from the south.
2) Evening survey range: 69° dropping to 55° F; high clouds, light breezes from the south.

**NEST DESCRIPTION** (including condition, location, elevation, as well as applicable comments):

Active prairie dog towns (burrow clusters) were the focus of observations some were located quite close to each other where as others were 25 ft to 50 ft apart.

| TOWN NO. (MAP A) | ELEVATION (above sea level) | NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITY | CURRENT PLANT COMMUNITY |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 01 | 6,005 ft | Greasewood | Weedy Pasture |
| No. 02 | 6,005 ft | Greasewood | Weedy Pasture |
| No. 03 | 6,019 ft | Greasewood | Alfalfa |
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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**:

**OPINION AND JUSTIFICATIONS OF BIOLOGIST ON SITE AS TO IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY ON HABITAT**:

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Figure 4: Prairie Dog Town No. 1

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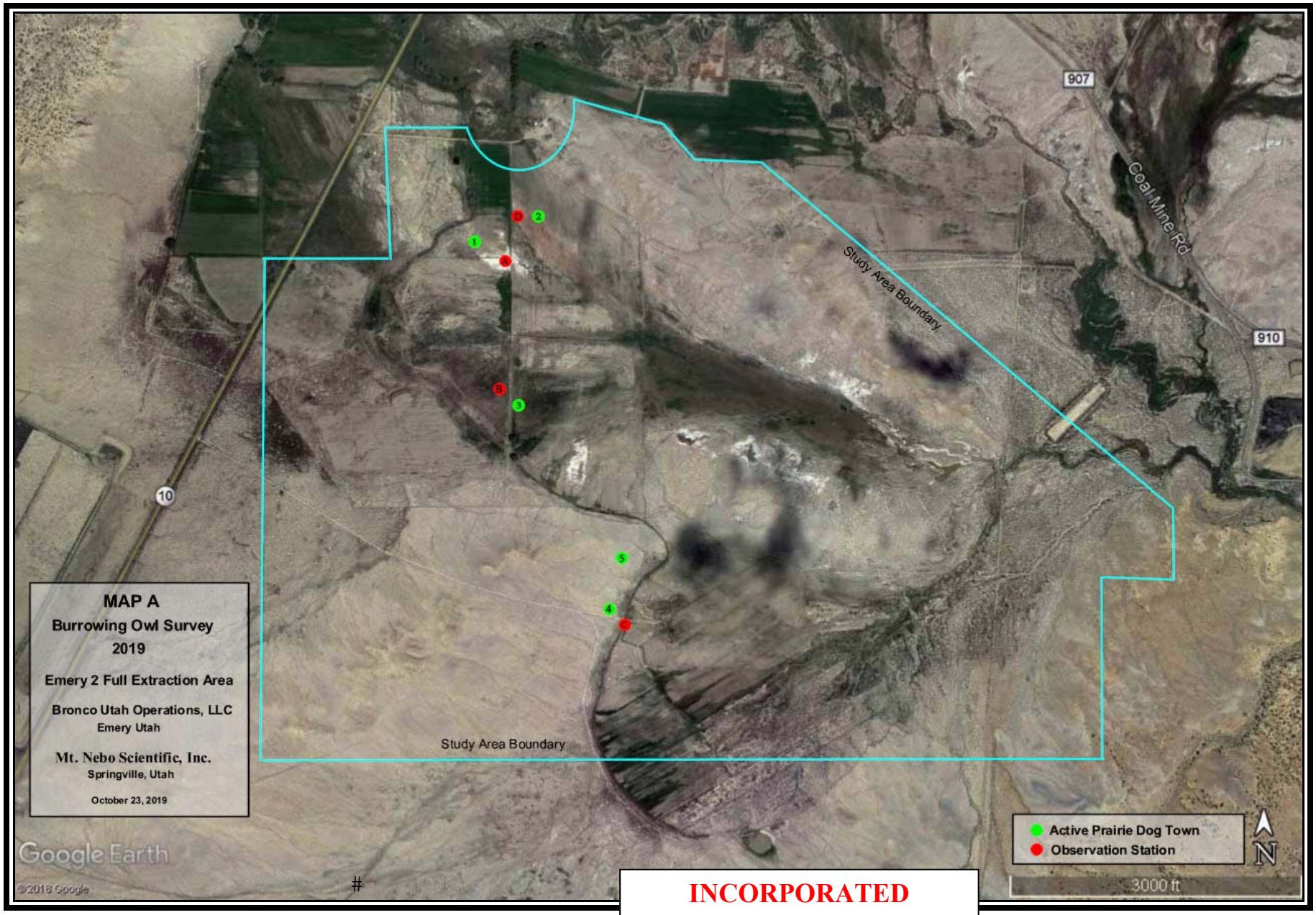


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5-1 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – AERC, 1981. SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER
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5-4 ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE FORMS, SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

5-5 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – MONTGOMERY ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS, 4th EAST PORTAL SITE, MAY 2002. SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

5-6 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – MONTGOMERY ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS, 4th EAST POWERLINE, AUGUST 2002. SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

5-7 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – MONTGOMERY ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS, 4th EAST EXTENSION AREA, MARCH 2003. SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

See Chapter XII, Appendix XII-3, Cultural Resource Report (MOAC Report No. 05-177, May 23, 2005), for 1st North IBC Archeology. SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

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5-8 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – MONTGOMERY ARCHAEOLOGY CONSULTANTS, Zero North and Zero Zero North (MOAC 07-323). SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

5-9 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – MONTGOMERY ARCHAEOLOGY CONSULTANTS, Life of Mine Panels (MOAC 08-135) spring 2008, Site Treatment Plan. The treatment plan for eligible site 42Em3924 will be completed at least 6 months prior to subsidence, with a follow-up visit only to the site within 12 months after subsidence. SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

5-10 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – MONTGOMERY ARCHAEOLOGY CONSULTANTS, Zero Zero North 120 acre parcel LBA UTU-86038 (MOAC 08-096) Per Management Recommendations on page 19, a qualified archaeologist will periodically monitor the sites (post subsidence) for subsidence impacts. The results will be reported in the Annual report. If mitigation is necessary, a mitigation plan will be submitted to BLM. SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER


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5-11 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – MONTGOMERY ARCHAEOLOGY CONSULTANTS, Zero Zero North wedge (MOAC 10-054). SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

5-12 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – MONTGOMERY ARCHAEOLOGY CONSULTANTS, Emery 2 expansion (MOAC Report 09-152). SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

5-13 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – MONTGOMERY ARCHAEOLOGY CONSULTANTS, Emery 2 expansion site 42EM1314 Mitigation and Discovery Plan. SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

5-14 DOI-BLM-UT-G020-2018-0051-EA – Interdisciplinary Team Analysis Checklist BLM ROW Archeo signoff

5-15 ARCHEOLOGICAL EVALUATION – MONTGOMERY ARCHAEOLOGY CONSULTANTS, Emery full extraction expansion (MOAC Report 19-007) SEE CONFIDENTIAL BINDER

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