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**RE: PacifiCorp, Des-Bee-Dove Mine, Utah Permit No. C/015/0017,  
OGM Phase III Bond Release Decision Document**

Dear Mr. Baza,

This letter acknowledges the Office of Surface Mining (OSM), Western Region (WR), Denver Field Division's (DFD) receipt and review of the above Phase III Bond Release State Decision Document (decision) dated January 30, 2007. That decision includes the January 30, 2007, technical analysis prepared by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (OGM). DFD agrees with the findings in the decision and hereby provides OSM concurrence for this bond release action in accordance with 30 CFR 740.15 (d) (3), and 30 CFR 944.30, Article IX, of the State-Federal Cooperative Agreement.

A thorough summary of the operational and reclamation history of the mine is accurately captured in the OGM decision. The required public, governmental agencies, and landowner notifications of the bond release application were provided by the permittee and are documented in the bond release application and subsequent correspondence. No public comments concerning this bond release application are discussed in the OGM findings documents.

The bond release inspection notifications provided by OGM are documented either in the decision, the inspection report for the bond release inspection conducted by OGM on September 28, 2006, or related correspondence. OSM, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the United States Forest Service (USFS), the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), the Emery County Lands Council, and adjacent landowners were notified of the bond release inspection.

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Des-Bee-Dove Mine, Phase III bond release, pg.3

As noted above, this Phase III bond release applies to 2.52 acres of reclaimed disturbance and the permittee has not requested the release of any monies associated with this acreage. In their Phase III bond release recommendation OGM has determined that the remaining bond amount of \$1,837,712 is sufficient to ensure environmental monitoring and reclamation success through Phase III for all the remaining affected and reclaimed acreage at this mine.

OSM concurs with the OGM Phase III bond release decision as documented above.

Thank you and your staff for coordinating this federal lands bond release through the DFD. Please direct any questions concerning this action to Henry Austin, Senior Reclamation Specialist, at [haustin@osmre.gov](mailto:haustin@osmre.gov) or to (303) 844-1440 x1446.

Sincerely,



James F. Fulton, Chief  
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Enclosure

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Dear Mrs. Grubaugh-Littig:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been asked to respond if our agency has any objections or concerns to Phase III bond release (reclamation bond) of 2.52 acres for the Deseret-Beehive and Dove Mines. This area is located in T17S R7E Section 25 and was the location for Des-Bee-Dove's pump-house.

We have participated in the September 28, 2006 onsite inspection as well as the Phase I Bond inspection on June 29, 2006. This area geographically is known as "Danish Bench." The Manti-La Sal National Forest is the surface owner with the BLM as the subsurface (minerals) owner.

We have reviewed our files in regards to our response. The federal coal leases were issued for the Blind Canyon and Hiawatha Seams in the Blackhawk Formation. Mining occurred in a north-westerly trend. The Hiawatha Seam is exposed at the Deseret Mine, and the Beehive/Little Dove breakouts are located 140 feet above in the Blind Canyon seam. The area in review for reclamation is located below the coal-bearing Black Hawk Formation, in the Mancos Shale.

We have attached photographs of the area for Phase III bond release taken during the onsite.

The Oil and Gas rights have been leased. This area was analyzed in the Ferron Natural Gas Environmental Impact Statement for its potential for natural gas development. A lessee has expressed interest in developing a new well in the area for Phase III Bond Release.

The proposed surface disturbance is below the Starpoint Sandstone and the proposed drilling will be into the Ferron Sandstone Member of the Mancos Shale. Therefore, the well would not impact the coal seams in the Blackhawk Formation.

We have no objections to Phase III bond release.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Angela Wadman of my staff at 435-636-3661.

Sincerely,

*Stu. B. G.*  
Acting For Rebecca Doolittle  
Acting Assistant Field Manager

cc: UT-923, SD, Utah

## **Des-Bee-Dove Phase III Bond Release**



The proposed well site located ½ mile from the road.