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Deer Creek
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Dear Mr. Hamm:

The following is submitted in response to your list of remaining deficiencies concerning the Deer Creek Mine permit application. Six sets are submitted to you, one set to Simons & Li, and seven sets to the DOGM.

First Set of Deficiencies:

1. The northern leases (U-06039, SL-051221 and U-024317) are included in the permit area to satisfy the requirement of UMC 784.11 in that a description of the mining operations during the life of the mine must be included. A narrative explaining the proposed access is provided although it is tentative and no rights-of-way have been secured nor design plans initiated. We are currently negotiating with West Appa Coal Company to secure their properties in Rilda Canyon which, if successful, will provide underground access through Section 32 negating the need for overhead facilities in Rilda Canyon.

We have provided plans for the only option open to fulfilling the mining plan as required. It is our intention in the near future to augment this plan with detailed information and plans when the issue of access is settled.

2. Pending resolution of State's (DOGM) letter dated October 5, 1983, the county road remains as submitted
3. Our consultant is preparing the culvert design which will be submitted to you next week.
4. Discussion on these wells is submitted on revised page 2-97.

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Second Set of Deficiencies:

1. These designs will be submitted with item 3 above.
2. The commitment for subsidence mitigation is submitted on revised page 6 for insertion in Appendix X.
3. No reply required.
4. Additional spring monitoring is addressed on revised page 2-98.
5. Any further commitment to "guzzlers" would be redundant without a location or the quantity required. UMC 817.41(a) and (b) require efforts to "minimize" changes to water quality or quantity, water replacement has not been resolved as yet.
6. Sampling techniques to be included in the water monitoring report have been revised on page 2-98.
7. Aquifer data collection plan is submitted on revised page 2-76.
8. Stream gauges are addressed on revised pages 2-85 and 2-93.
9. The drawing in map packet 3-16 has been corrected and is submitted.
10. Revised drawings for map packet 2-19 are included in this submittal.

Third Set of Deficiencies:

- 1,2,3. Several consultants are preparing responses to these items. These will be submitted when completed.

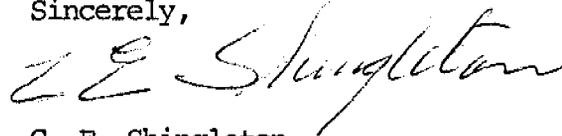
The final section of item 3 (Raptor Nesting Mitigation) has previously been addressed in paragraph four of page 4-52.

4. Page 2-139 and Table II are revised and included.
5. Revised map 2-19 is included.
6. Page 2-143 is revised and included.

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- 7,8,10. These items are quoted from various authors and should remain as the results of their studies. To appease Mr. Dalton of the UDWR his report of March 2, 1981 is submitted to replace his previous wildlife plan following page 4-54.
9. The references to authors are cited with their text in the application and do not require repetition in the bibliography.

Sincerely,



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