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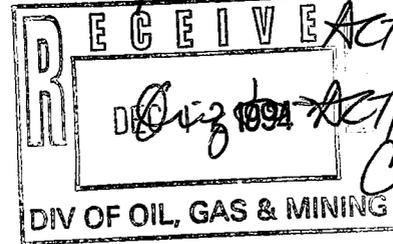
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Dear Lowell:

My office has been advised by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that the terms and conditions of Federal Coal Leases U-044076, U-0147570, U-017354, and SL-064607 are due for readjustment. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3451 require that all coal leases issued prior to August 4, 1976, be subject to readjustment at the end of the first 20-year period and at the end of each 10-year period thereafter. Lease terms and conditions can be updated or changed by the BLM during readjustment. The leases due for readjustment are listed below.

<u>Lease No.</u>	<u>Approximate Location</u>	<u>Readjustment Date</u>
U-044076	20 miles west of Helper, Utah	September 1, 1995
U-0147570	20 miles west of Helper, Utah	May 1, 1996
U-017354	19 miles west of Spring Glen, Utah	September 1, 1996
SL-064607	7 miles northwest of Huntington, Utah	October 4, 1996

Leases U-044076 and U-0147570 are held by Coastal States Energy Co. and are associated with the Skyline Mine. Lease U-017354 is held by the Kanawha Hocking Coal and Coke Co. and is being mined by the White Oak Mining Co. Lease SL-064607 is held by PacifiCorp and is part of the Deer Creek Mine.

As the surface management agency for the Federal lands involved with this lease, it is the role of this Forest to address management concerns and public issues for surface resources through the environmental analysis process. The BLM has requested that this Forest submit its environmental analysis and recommended stipulations.

I am addressing this correspondence to you since you have been interested in similar actions in the past. Your comments will help us develop public involvement for the analysis and refine the issues and concerns that may be present.

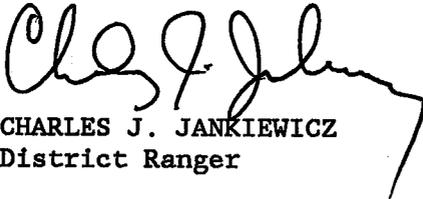
Forest Service administered lands included in this proposal are being managed with emphasis in forage production, timber, and leaseable mineral development pursuant to the direction contained in the Manti-La Sal National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). All of the above listed leases already have the 17 Forest Service Special Stipulations in place and are consistent with the Forest Plan and associated mining and reclamation plans.

For example, Special Stipulation #17 deals with protection of surface waters, "the lessees, at their expense, will be responsible to replace any surface water identified for protection, that may be lost or adversely affected by mining operations, with water from an alternate source in sufficient quantity and quality to maintain existing riparian habitat, fishery habitat, livestock and wildlife use, or other land uses".

The Forest Service proposes only minor wording changes in the current stipulations (enclosed), from the stipulations that were added at the last readjustment. Therefore, there are no proposed changes in the actual terms and conditions of the leases.

Please provide any comments that you may have by December 20, 1994. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me or Jeff DeFrest at the above address, or call (801) 637-2817.

Sincerely,



CHARLES J. JANKIEWICZ
District Ranger

Enclosures