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Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
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Re: Mining in Accordance with Approved Resource Recovery and Protection Plan, PacifiCorp,
Deer Creek Mine Rilda Ridge Area Incidental Boundary Change

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ACT/015/018 #2

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

We have reviewed PacifiCorp's mine plan amendment for the modification of Federal coal lease U-06039. The amendment concerns the addition of 50 acres to the above state lease. This would allow the extension of the underground development working from the existing lease area northward into the lease modification area which would allow longwall panels in the existing leased area to be extended further to the west, maximizing coal production. Underground workings in the modification area would consist of entries and would have no significant surface impact.

BLM has analyzed the situation and reviewed all supporting documentation. The BLM has determined that this change to the mining plan (R2P2) is in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and stipulations, and will achieve maximum economic recovery (MER) of the Federal coal.

For further information, contact Mr. George Tetreault at (801) 636-3604.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Hansen (Acting)

for Richard L. Manus
Field Manager

*BLM approved
lease modification*

cc: UT-070, PFO, George Tetreault
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