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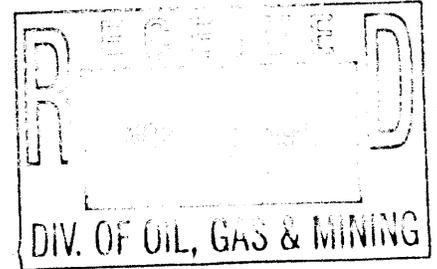
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Dear Mary Ann:

We have reviewed Energy West's Mine Plan Amendment, subsequent submissions, and the Division's Technical Analysis regarding the proposal to haul bulk materials to the Deer Creek Mine via the Rilda Canyon Left Fork breakout and access road.

We hereby consent to approval of the amendment by the Division subject to the following provisions/modifications:

- Modify Stipulation 10 on page 43 of the permit amendment to "Usage of the Rilda Canyon Road will be limited to the period from April 15 through December 1 or as directed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to protect the winter range and raptors and as directed by the Forest Service to protect National Forest System resources."
- Snow removal on the breakout access road is limited to Forest Service case-by-case approval, to remove drifts which remain after the remainder of the road is clear of snow and has dried sufficiently to allow hauling which would not cause rutting or other damage.
- The Forest Service reserves the right to stop hauling at any time due to unforeseen public safety concerns or site specific conditions such as resource damage, fire, or road damage.
- The operator is responsible to prevent any unauthorized use of the breakout access road during hauling and at all other times by appropriate actions, signs, gates, and barricades, subject to Forest Service concurrence.
- A dust suppression method (other than just watering) must be implemented after the 1999 field season to minimize the number of truck trips on the breakout access, subject to Forest Service approval.

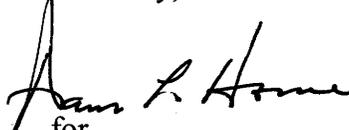
A copy of the Forest Service Decision Memo for this proposal is attached for your information.



Modifications to the plan may be necessary at the end of the test period on December 1, 1999, to address concerns. The Forest Service must be consulted regarding modifications to the amendment or additional requirements needed to address concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff DeFreest or Carter Reed at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,



for
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