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Dear Dick,

In a fax received today it was brought to our attention that Energy West Mining Company has proposed to abandon mining equipment underground due to the salvage value of the equipment not being sufficient to warrant its removal, specifically referring to the array of longwall conveyor line pans being proposed to be left in the Deer Creek Mine. As the surface management agency, we object to the disposal of these materials underground based only on it being non-economical to remove the equipment. The abandonment of such equipment would constitute disposal of solid wastes on National Forest Lands and would be contrary to Forest Service policy.

According to the Forest Service Manual, a "solid waste" is defined as: "Garbage; refuse; sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility; and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations."

The USDA Environmental Initiative (Item 21) states: "The FS will make every effort to insure that its lands and minerals management activities for new and currently active mines and timber related activities will not result in new or exacerbate current CERCLA sites, and that no new municipal solid waste landfills or open dumps will be permitted on National Forest System Lands."

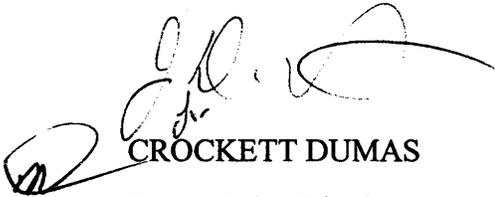
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Further, FSM 2130.3, Item 3. Waste Disposal states: "Discourage solid waste disposal on National Forest System lands, unless such use is in the highest and best use of the land. Hazardous and toxic wastes cannot be disposed of on National Forest System lands".

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Jeffrey DeFreest, District Geologist, or Carter Reed, Forest Geologist, at this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Dumas", is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

CROCKETT DUMAS

Ferron-Price District Ranger

Cc: Elaine Zieroth, Forest Supervisor

Mary Ann Wright, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining,