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Re: Significant Revision - Mill Fork Lease Volume 12, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine,  
C/015/018, Emery County, Utah

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, herewith submits a new volume entitled "Mill Fork Lease ML-48258 Volume 12" to be included as part of the Deer Creek MRP.

PacifiCorp successfully acquired the Mill Fork Lease and entered COAL MINING LEASE AND AGREEMENT with the State of Utah on April 1, 1999. The coal tract as described in the lease contains 5,562.82 acres, more or less. With the leasing of the Mill Fork Tract in 1999, PacifiCorp controls, through ownership and leasing certain fee coal lands together with assigned federal coal leases, nearly 30,000 acres of contiguous minable property located in Emery County, Utah. PacifiCorp is proposing to expand the Deer Creek Mine to included the Mill Fork lease. This expansion would involve increasing the acreage of the Deer Creek permit by 5,562.82 acres to approximately 24,523 acres. This application addresses only proposed Mill Fork permit area, refer to the highlighted area shown on Figure 1.

All disturbance to the Mill Fork permit area will be through underground mining activities. Mine plan layouts (Blind Canyon Seam) depicted in R645-301-500, indicate potential portal breakouts located in Crandall Canyon upstream from the existing Crandall Canyon Mine operated by Genwal Resources. The location of the portal breakouts are considered preliminary at this point and will be evaluated and designed based upon future surface coal exploration programs. Prior to planned development, PacifiCorp will comply to Special Stipulations #5 in the Mill Fork Coal Lease and all applicable State of Utah R645-Coal Mining Rules and Regulations.

PERMIT ORGANIZATION

Volume 12 has been organized to coincide with all applicable coal mine permit application requirements of the Utah R645-Coal Mining Rules (revised May 1, 1998). Applicable sections herein include:

Huntington Office:  
(435) 687-9821

Fax (435) 687-2695

Purchasing Fax (435) 687-9092

Deer Creek Mine:  
(435) 687-2317

Fax (435) 687-2285

Trail Mountain Mine:  
(435) 748-2140

Fax (435) 748-5125

## **Introduction**

### **R645-301-100. General Information**

### **R645-301-200. Soils**

### **R645-301-300. Biology**

### **R645-301-400. Land Use and Air Quality**

### **R645-301-500. Engineering**

### **R645-301-600. Geology**

### **R645-301-700. Hydrology**

### **R645-301-800. Bonding**

The application for permit change (inclusion of Mill Fork Lease ML-48258: Volume 12 to the Deer Creek Permit) is considered as a Significant Permit Reversion as set forth in R645-303-224:

R645-224.100      An increase in the size of the surface or subsurface disturbed area in an amount of 15 percent or greater:

<i>Current Deer Creek Permit</i>	<i>18, 960 acres</i>
<i>Requested addition</i>	<i>5,562.82 acres</i>
<i>Percent increase</i>	<i>29 %</i>

R645-224.200      Engaging in operations outside of the cumulative impact area (CHIA).

*Mill Fork Lease area is outside the currently defined CHIA.*

R645-224.300      Engaging in operations in hydrologic basins other than those authorized in the approved permit.

*Mill Fork Lease area is outside the approved hydrologic basin.*

As discussed in the meeting on October 22, 2001, PacifiCorp has applied for lease modification to Federal Coal Lease U-06039 to connect the current Deer Creek Mine operations to the Mill Fork Lease. Upon approval of this application, PacifiCorp will submit an incidental boundary change to the Deer Creek permit to include the lease modification. Also, during the meeting, mine timing issues concerning the Mill Fork Lease were discussed. The following data is included to re-emphasize the time frames concerning access to the Mill Fork Lease:

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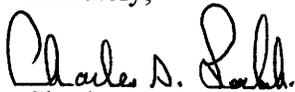
- August 2002      Initiate mining from the existing Hiawatha seam development mains northwest towards the Mill Fork State Lease
- November 20002      Development mining intersects Federal Coal Lease U-06039/Mill Fork Lease boundary
- June 2004      Scheduled startup of first longwall panel in the Mill Fork State Lease (Hiawatha Seam)

To comply with the Division's policy, PacifiCorp has provided seven (7) copies of the following:

- ❖ Volume 12 Mill Fork Lease ML-48258  
Two Volume Set (Volume 12 and Volume 12 R645-301-700: Appendix C)

When the Division finds that the application is administratively complete, PacifiCorp will publish the public notice as required (draft copy of the public notice is included in R645-301-100 Appendix ). If there are any questions or concerns please call Chuck Semborski at 687-4720 or Dennis Oakley 687-4825.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Semborski  
Geology and Environmental Supervisor  
enclosures:

cc:                    Scott Child  
                         Carl Pollastro  
                         File

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: C/015/018
Title of Proposal: Significant Revision - Mill Fork Lease Volume 12, Deer Creek Mine, PacifiCorp, C/015/018, Emery County, Utah						Mine: DEER CREEK
						Permittee: PACIFICORP

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement: PacifiCorp is proposing to expand the Deer Creek Mine to include the Mill Fork lease. This expansion would involve increasing the acreage of the Deer Creek permit by 5,562.82 acres to approximately 24,523 acres.

**Instructions:** If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? 5,562.82 acres Disturbed Area? 0 acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO #
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV #
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach 7 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations herein. (R645-301-123)

Charles A. Semborski  
 Charles A. Semborski - Geology/Permitting Supervisor 10/29/01  
 Signed - Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of October, 2001.

Lori Ann Anderson  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: December 22, 2001  
 Attest: STATE OF Utah COUNTY OF Emery

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# DEER CREEK PERMIT

DRAWN BY:	K. LARSEN	FIGURE MFHF1
SCALE:	1" = 1 MILE	DRAWING #:
DATE:	OCTOBER 1, 2001	SHEET 1 OF 1 REV. _____

 DEER CREEK MINE PERMIT AREA

