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Re: Final Approval of Volume 11 Amendment (Engineering Section – Vehicle use stipulation),
PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/018-AM01D, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Semborski:

The above-referenced amendment has been reviewed and is hereby approved. The U. S. Forest Service has consented to the amendment as well, based on your complying with certain conditions. A copy of their consent letter, which outlines the conditions is enclosed. Please make sure you adhere to them. A copy of our Technical Analysis is also enclosed for your records. We believe the amendment is consistent with the Forest Service conditions and are returning a stamped incorporated copy of the amendment for insertion into your copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Thank you for your cooperation during this permitting action. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

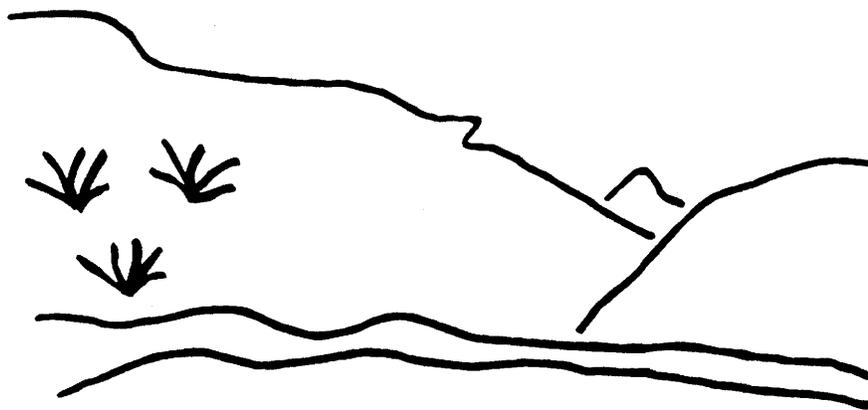
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Deer Creek
Engineering Section (vehicle use stipulation)
C/015/015-AM01D
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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION

With the recent completion of mining operations at the Trail Mountain mine, the recovery of materials and equipment including the longwall is ongoing. The current longwall system is available for coal extraction in the deer creek mine. Therefore the permittee has requested approval to transfer the Trail Mountain longwall system to the Deer Creek mine by way of the Rilda Canyon access road and portals. Production would commence with the 8th East panel in September of 2001. The MRP for the Deer Creek mine contains stipulations that address the haulage of material to the mine. However these stipulations do not provide for the transportation of the longwall system on the Rilda Canyon road. This document is the technical analysis of the proposed longwall relocation.

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Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 784.2, 784.11; R645-301-231, -301-526, -301-528.

Analysis:

General

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Type and Method of Mining Operations

Longwall mining would continue to be the method used for coal extraction once the longwall system is relocated and set up in the 8th East panel of the Deer Creek mine.

Facilities and Structures

The Rilda Canyon access road, pad, and portals would be utilized to relocate the longwall system. These facilities currently occupy approximately 2.01 acres of Manti-La-Sal National Forest. According to the text in Volume 2 of the MRP the access road is a county road from the turn off at the Huntington Canyon highway to a locked gate and public turn around near the National Forest boundary. The permitted portion of the access road is approximately 1150' in length from the end of the county road to the facility pad. The road has been upgraded to a gravel surface road. Additional upgrades to the county portion of the road have been made where it crosses Huntington Creek and enters the Huntington Canyon highway. The permittee has proposed to use this road to transport the longwall system to the Deer Creek mine.

The proposal also includes the set up of a portable unloading station and the use of a front-end loader on the rilda portal pad to handle the longwall equipment. The components of the system include: 131 roof supports, 750' of conveyor separated into 17' sections, and 85' of stageloader in sections.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposal is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

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RE: Revised Volume 11: North Rilda Area Engineering Section (R645-301-500), Page 44 Add
Vehicle Use Stipulation 20, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/018, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mary Ann:

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We have reviewed the subject mine plan amendment and consent to the proposal with the following conditions:

- The permit package/mine plan and permit for hauling of the longwall equipment is a one-time approval that will end on/before September 25, 2001. At such time the original volumes and restrictions regarding hauling of bulk materials (restricted to 6 loads per day and 28 loads per week, page 42), and restriction of hauling on weekends (Stipulation 1, page 42) would again be observed.
- Stipulation 6 that prohibits hauling on Federal and State holidays, including holiday weekends, will remain unchanged and must be observed. For clarification, the restriction(s) for this year include the 4th of July that falls on Wednesday; haul restriction on actual holiday only, the 24th of July State holiday that falls on a Tuesday; haul restriction from the prior Friday (July 19) through Tuesday the holiday, and September 3, Labor Day; haul restriction from the prior Friday (August 31) through Monday the holiday.
- No loading or unloading of materials will take place on the breakout access road or turnaround area.
- Hauling on the Rilda Canyon Road and State Route 31 must be consistent with Emery County Road Department and Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) requirements, respectively, for traffic safety, traffic volume, and vehicle weight limitations.



If you have any questions, contact us at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah

Sincerely,


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Forest Supervisor

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