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RE: Construction of New Surface facilities in Rilda Canyon, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018

Dear Ms. Malin,

Thank you for your letter of April 23 informing the Trust Lands Administration of PacifiCorp's permit change application which proposes to construct new surface mine facilities in Rilda Canyon.

Although the Trust Lands Administration does not own land within or adjacent to the proposed disturbance area. The Trust Lands Administration, along with the State of Utah, holds title to 23.3 million tons of coal which is located in the Mill Fork Coal Tract. This tract is currently being developed from the Deer Creek Mine. Although coal mined from the Mill Fork Tract will be moved to the surface through the existing Deer Creek Mine, the proposed Rilda Canyon surface facility will provide necessary access for workforce and material supply to cost effectively mine the Trust Lands Administration coal.

The Trust Lands Administration strongly supports the construction of the new surface facilities in Rilda Canyon and would encourage DOGM and OSM to complete the Environmental Assessment for this project in an expedient manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Faddies  
Assistant Director, Minerals.

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