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Rilda Expansion
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Public Comment # 141
INCOMING
C/015/0018

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SUBJECT: Construction of New Surface, Facilities in Rilda Canyon, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018, Outgoing File
Project No. 04-3989

Dear Ms. Malin:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC), representing the State of Utah, has reviewed this proposal. State agencies comments are as follows:

Utah Geological Survey

There are no paleontological localities recorded in this project area. However, there are some exposures of the Cretaceous Blackhawk Formation and the Cretaceous/Tertiary North Horn Formation, that have the potential for yielding significant vertebrate fossil localities. The office of the State Paleontologist therefore recommends that a qualified paleontologist conduct a paleontological evaluation for this project.

Department of Environmental Quality/Division of Drinking Water

Planning for the proposed construction of a new portal for PacifiCorp's Deer Creek Mine in Rilda Canyon, Emery County, must consider the presence of North Emery SSD's Rilda Canyon Springs used as a drinking water supply for the residents within the District. There may be agreements between the two parties relating to protection of the springs that should be reviewed and adhered to. Any modification to a source protection plan needs to be reviewed and concurred in by this division.

If you have any questions please call Michael Georgeson at 536-4200

Department of Environmental Quality/Division of Water Quality

Without specifics on the site or the project, several questions or issues arise which should be addressed appropriately.

1- If the stream is to be diverted, appropriate measures must be taken to sustain riparian vegetation and wildlife during the diversion, prior to water being restored to the original stream channel.

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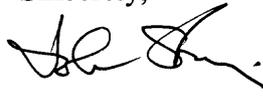
2 - Appropriate measures must be taken to prevent sediment entering stream waters in damming and diverting the stream, and in the outfall where the diversion re-enters the original stream channel.

3 - The diversion conveyence must be designed with appropriate shading to prevent excessive heat loading from entering the stream waters during diversion.

4 - Where land is disturbed, vegetation should be restored, runoff controlled, and other appropriate measures taken, to prevent excessive erosion during or following the disturbance.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Resource Development Coordinating Committee at the above address or call Carolyn Wright at (801) 538-5535 or myself at (801) 538-5559.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Harja", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Harja
Executive Director
Resource Development Coordinating Committee