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Mr. Carl Pollastro
 Director of Technical Services and Project Development
 Interwest Mining Company
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 Salt Lake City, Utah 84140-0200

Re: Minor Modification of Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), 1st Right Sub-Mains and Ventilation Portals, Hiawatha Seam, Deer Creek Mine

Dear Mr. Pollastro:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a request dated 22 March 2005 from PacifiCorp by and through Interwest Mining Company (Interwest) and energy west Mining Company as mine operator to change the approved R2P2 by extending the 1st Right sub-mains and provide ventilation portals (request attached).

PacifiCorp proposes to drive entries to access ventilation portal sites as shown on the attached mine map "1ST Right Sub-Main Extension & Projected Portal Sites Right-Fork Rilda Canyon." BLM understands this plan is based on extensive underground drilling to better define the geologic conditions, including the areas of naturally burned coal (map attached showing extent of underground drilling).

However, BLM understands further modifications could become necessary as actual mine conditions are encountered and additional analysis of the surface uses is completed.

The mine personnel project the recoverable coal reserves will increase by some 35,000 to 50,000 tons with this proposed R2P2 change (attached: Request for R2P2 Modification).

BLM approves development mining of the 1st Right Sub-Mains Extension with the planned rock slopes as shown. Should it become necessary to alter this configuration, PacifiCorp is required to consult with BLM and further modifications could be necessary. Should PacifiCorp store rock

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from the rock slope drivages, the three (or more) entry access to coal remaining inby from the end of the 1st Right Sub-Main Extension will be maintained and not blocked with rock or other materials placed by the mine.

This approval of a minor modification to an existing R2P2 is Categorically Excluded from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis in that no new surface disturbance will occur from this action as stated in Overview of BLM's NEPA Process, February 1997, Appendix 2, page 2-7 (F)(7).

The modification of the R2P2 complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 3480, and the lease terms and conditions. The modification will achieve maximum economic recovery of the federal coal partly because of efforts to recover coal under a powerline right-of-way and continuing efforts to mine as near low coal areas as possible. The low coal areas are much larger than originally projected.

The modification to the R2P2, as depicted on mine map "1st Right Sub-Main Extension & Projected Portal Sites Right-Fork Rilda Canyon" is approved, contingent on the requirements stated above and pending State Permit approval. A copy of the approved mine map is enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff McKenzie of my staff at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,
JAMES F KOHLER

James Kohler
Chief, Solid Minerals

Enclosures:

Approved Mine Map
Reference Mine/Geologic Map
Reference Underground Horizontal Drilling Map

cc: UT-070, Price, Utah (w/encl.)
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801
Energy West Mining Company (w/encl.)
P. O. Box 310
Huntington, Utah 84528

March 22, 2005

Mr. Jim Kohler
Solids Branch Chief
Bureau of Land Management
324 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155

Subject: **RESOURCE RECOVERY AND PROTECTION PLAN [R2P2]
MODIFICATION REQUEST – INCLUSION OF THE PROPOSED
EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING 1ST RIGHT SUB-MAINS AND
REQUIRED LOCATION OF VENTILATION PORTALS IN THE RIGHT-
FORK OF RILDA CANYON; HIAWATHA SEAM; FEDERAL LEASE U-
06039; ENERGY WEST MINING COMPANY, DEER CREEK MINE.**

Mr. Kohler:

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Interwest Mining Company ("Interwest") as managing agent and Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby requests approval from the Authorized Officer to modify the current approved Deer Creek Mine R2P2 to include a proposed extension of the 1st Right Sub-Mains and required location of ventilation portals in the Right-Fork of Rilda Canyon [Hiawatha Seam]; effecting Federal Lease U-06039.

Please find attached a general arrangement area drawings regarding the area of reference [SEE ATTACHMENTS].

Although still in the conceptual design phase, inclusion of the area of reference into the approved Deer Creek Mine R2P2 is necessary to move the permitting process forward through the various agencies. As noted on the attached general arrangement area drawing, layout / location of proposed extended sub-main development and ventilation portals are subject to change based on the actual field location of outcrop burn in the Right-Fork of Rilda Canyon. Also noted, the final extent of the proposed 1st Right Sub-Main extension to the east is subject to change based on final approved location / configuration of the currently proposed Right-Fork of Rilda Canyon surface facilities.

If you have any questions or require additional information and/or detail, please contact Chuck Semborski [Energy West] at (435) 687-4720 or Larry LaFrentz [Energy West] at (435) 687-6626.

Sincerely,

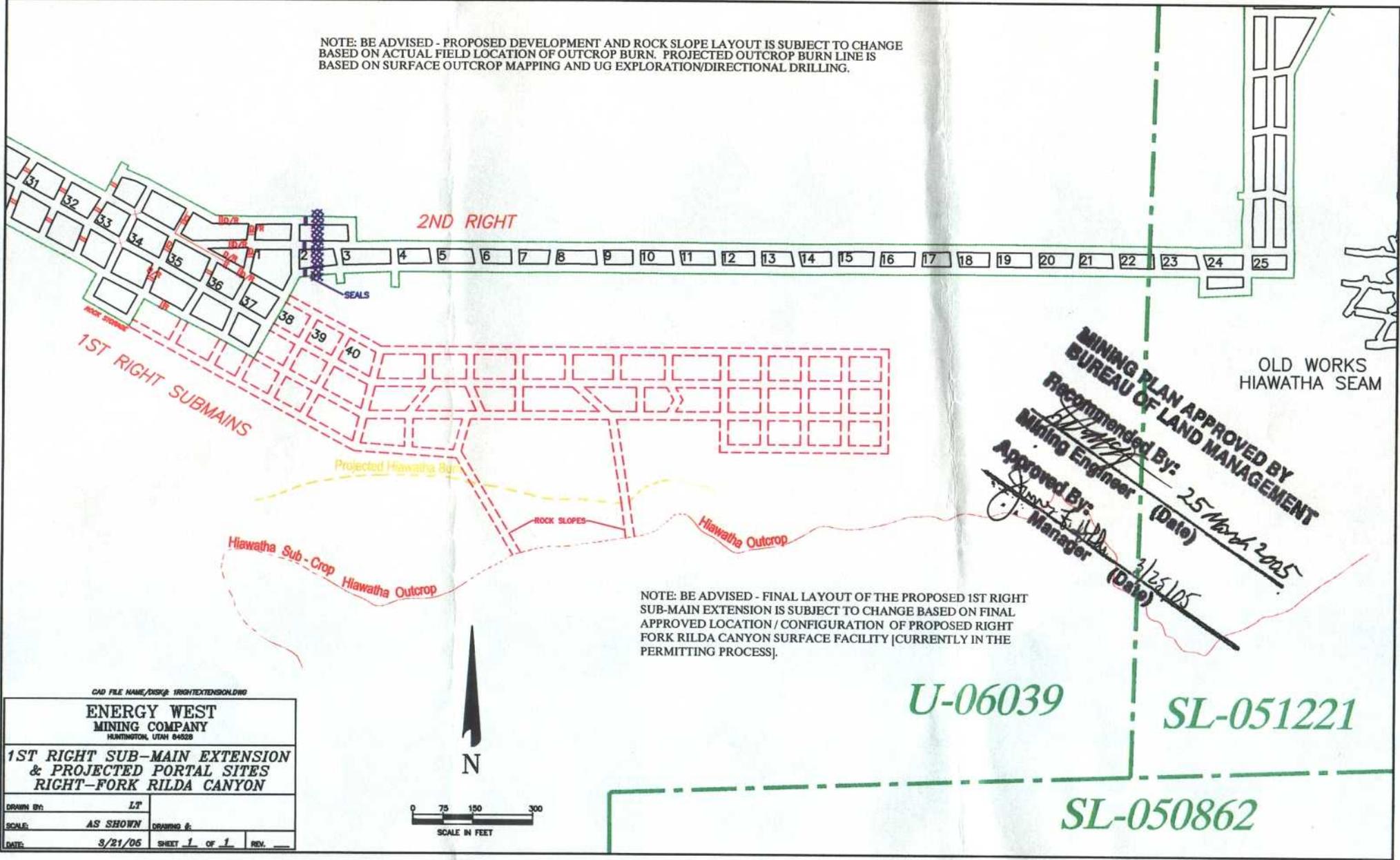
Carl Pollastro
Technical Services Manager
Interwest Mining Company

One (1) Enclosure:

Enclosure #1: General Area Map, 1st Right Extension and
Projected Portals; Right-Fork of Rilda Canyon;
Hiawatha Seam; Deer Creek Mine

cc: Dee Jense,	IMC
Bob King,	IMC
Scott Child,	IMC
Carl Pollastro,	EWMC
Doug Johnson,	EWMC
Earl Snow,	EWMC
Chuck Semborski,	EWMC
Louie Tonc	EWMC
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L.J. LaFrentz,	EWMC

NOTE: BE ADVISED - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND ROCK SLOPE LAYOUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ACTUAL FIELD LOCATION OF OUTCROP BURN. PROJECTED OUTCROP BURN LINE IS BASED ON SURFACE OUTCROP MAPPING AND UG EXPLORATION/DIRECTIONAL DRILLING.



OLD WORKS
HIAWATHA SEAM

**MINING PLAN APPROVED BY
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**
 Recommended By: *[Signature]* 25 March 2005
 Mining Engineer (Date)
 Approved By: *[Signature]* 3/25/05
 Manager (Date)

NOTE: BE ADVISED - FINAL LAYOUT OF THE PROPOSED 1ST RIGHT SUB-MAIN EXTENSION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON FINAL APPROVED LOCATION / CONFIGURATION OF PROPOSED RIGHT FORK RILDA CANYON SURFACE FACILITY (CURRENTLY IN THE PERMITTING PROCESS).

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**ENERGY WEST
MINING COMPANY**
HUNTINGTON, UTAH 84520

**1ST RIGHT SUB-MAIN EXTENSION
& PROJECTED PORTAL SITES
RIGHT-FORK RILDA CANYON**

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**Request For
R2P2 (Resource Recovery and Protection Plan) Modification**

**INCLUSION INTO THE APPROVED R2P2 THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF
THE EXISTING 1ST RIGHT SUB-MAINS AND REQUIRED LOCATION OF
VENTILATION PORTALS IN THE RIGHT-FORK OF RILDA CANYON
DEER CREEK MINE**

Date: March 23, 2005

Proposed Implementation Date: Immediate

Mine Name: Energy West; Deer Creek Mine

Lease Number(s): U-06039

Coal Seam: Hiawatha Coal Seam

Mining Area (Section): 1st Right Sub-Mains / Hiawatha seam outcrop area
in the Right-Fork of Rilda Canyon.

Suggested BLM Inspection date and time: Discussed with BLM
(McKenzie) and EW (Semborski) 03/21/05 at Deer Creek Mine site.

Current Approved R2P2 Plan: Per the approved BLM R2P2 – Hiawatha
Seam; dated 08/25/04.

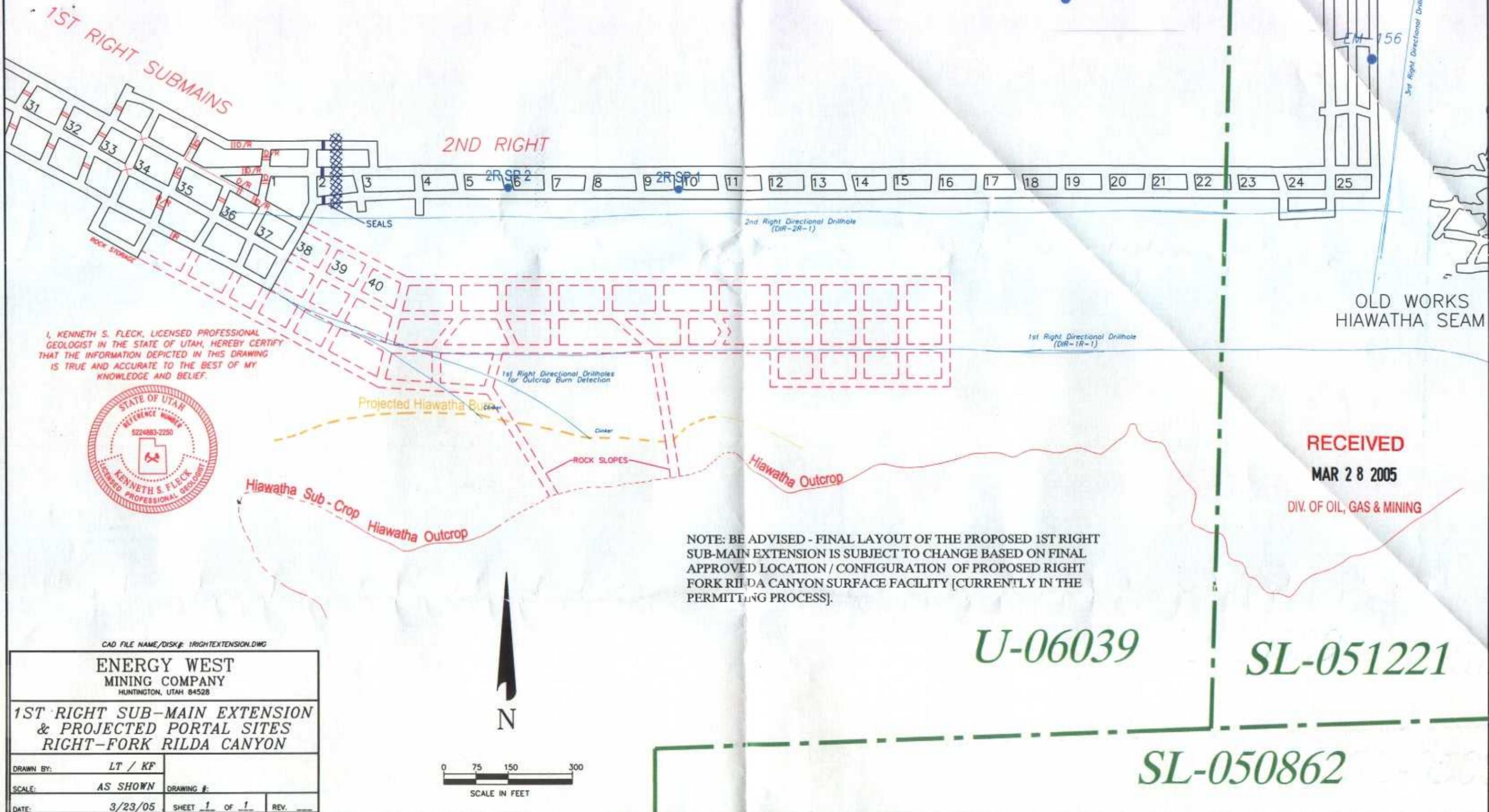
Describe Situation Leading to Request: As stipulated by the mine permit
modification process – the proposed mine workings, rock slopes and surface
portals included in the proposed permit modification request must be
included in the current approved mine resource recovery and protection plan.

Effect on coal recovery: Increase in development coal resource recovery
estimated at approximately +35,000 to +50,000 CM tons.

Timing: Immediate BLM review is critical in keeping the permit
modification process on schedule.

Enclosures / Attachments: See attached CAD File:
1RIGHTEXTENSION.DWG ; dated 03/23/05; Title: 1st Right Sub-Main
Extension & Projected Portal Sites Right-Fork Rilda Canyon.

BASED ON SURFACE OUTCROP MAPPING AND UG EXPLORATION DIRECTIONAL DRILLING.



I, KENNETH S. FLECK, LICENSED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST IN THE STATE OF UTAH, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION DEPICTED IN THIS DRAWING IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

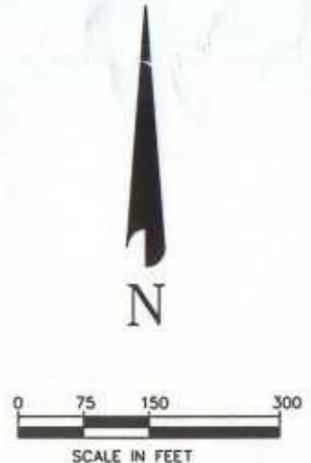


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