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Subject: New Surface Facilities in Rilda Canyon, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018, Task ID #2266, Outgoing File

Dear Wayne:

My staff has reviewed the latest revisions to PacifiCorp's application for surface facilities in Rilda Canyon, dated June 2, 2005. The mine plan revision application includes conditions for operations that are consistent with lease stipulations consented to by the Forest Service and the Manti-La Sal National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The proposed post-mining land uses of the location for the proposed surface facilities in Rilda Canyon are the same as the pre-mining land uses, and therefore are consistent with the Forest Plan.

We will continue to work as a Cooperating Agency with the Division as it completes the Environmental Assessment and any additional evaluations required under the SMCRA permitting process.

Please contact Dale Harber at (435) 636-3548 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alice B Carlton

ALICE B. CARLTON
Forest Supervisor

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