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Subject: Mine Plan Determinations - Deer Creek, Dugout, Centennial, and Deer Creek

Attached are OSM's final decisions regarding the need for a Mining Plan Modifications for the above subject. A signed copies will be sent to you in today's mail.

In accordance with the Federal regulations under 30 CFR 740.13(d), other Federal agencies that may have an interest in, or jurisdiction over, the above subject operation have also been notified of OSM's decision electronically.

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No responses to this transmittal are necessary.

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July 11, 2006

Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining
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RE: PacifiCorp "Cottonwood/Wilberg, Des-Bee-Dove, and Deer Creek" Mines - Application
for a Permit Revision, Revised Hydrology Section, Task ID No. 25446

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining's (UT-DOGM) June 9, 2006, request for a decision, under 30 CFR 944.30, whether the above subject permit revision constitutes a mining plan modification.

Mining plan approvals by the Secretary of the Interior are required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.* before coal mining can occur on Federal lands. This letter serves to document OSM's determination whether or not a mining plan approval from the Secretary is required for the above permitting action.

OSM's review of the Application for a Permit Revision, Revised Hydrology Section, has determined that it proposes to add the Rilda Canyon – Huntington Cleveland Irrigation agreement and the Little Bear Spring mitigation agreement to Volume 9 of the approved permit application package for the Cottonwood/Wilberg mine, Utah State permit C/015/019, the Des-Bee-Dove mine, Utah State permit C/015/017, and the Deer Creek mine, Utah State permit C/015/018..

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR 746.18(d). Therefore, the proposed permit revision does not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

OSM's decision was based solely upon the Federal regulations under 30 CFR PART 746 and not the technical aspects of the revision application itself. Consequently, OSM's decision does not relieve UT-DOGM from coordinating the review and approval of the Application for a Permit Revision, Revised Hydrology Section, with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the June 9, 2006, request to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment.

In an electronic submittal dated June 14, 2006, the U.S. Forest service stated in its opinion the permit revision did not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

The Bureau of Land Management did not provide any comments in the thirty day time frame established by the Federal regulations under 30 CFR 944.30, Article VI. D.

Please notify the applicant of our decision on this matter.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or approval, please contact Carl R. Johnston, Utah Federal Lands coordinator, at (303) 844-1400, extension 1500.

Sincerely,

Ranvir Singh
Manager, Northwest Branch

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UT-0016

July 11, 2006

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RE: PacifiCorp - "Deer Creek" Mine - Application for a Permit Revision, Mill Fork West Extension Tract, Task ID No. 2544

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining's (UT-DOGGM) June 9, 2006, request for a decision, under 30 CFR 944.30, whether the above subject permit revision constitutes a mining plan modification.

Mining plan approvals by the Secretary of the Interior are required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.* before coal mining can occur on Federal lands. This letter serves to document OSM's determination whether or not a mining plan approval from the Secretary is required for the above permitting action.

OSM's review of the Application for a Permit Revision, Mill Fork West Extension Tract, has determined that it proposes to add approximately 213 acres in new Federal lease UTU-84285 to the Deer Creek mine, Utah State permit C/015/018.

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does meet the requirements of 30 CFR 746.18(d)(3) and 746.18(d)(4). Therefore, the proposed Mill Fork West Extension Tract permit revision does constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

OSM's decision was based solely upon the Federal regulations under 30 CFR PART 746 and not the technical aspects of the revision application itself. Consequently, OSM's decision does not relieve UT-DOGGM from coordinating the review and approval of the Application for a Permit Revision, Mill Fork West Extension Tract, with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the June 9, 2006, request to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment.

In an electronic transmittal dated June 14, 2006, the U.S. Forest Service stated in its opinion the Mill Fork West Extension Tract permit revision does constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

The Bureau of Land Management did not provide any comments in the thirty day time frame established by the Federal regulations under 30 CFR 944.30, Article VI. D.

Please notify the applicant of our decision on this matter.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or approval, please contact Carl R. Johnston, Utah Federal Lands coordinator, at (303) 844-1400, extension 1500.

Sincerely,

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UT-0065

July 11, 2005

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RE: Andalex Resources, Inc. "Centennial Mine" - Application for a Permit Revision, Revised Appendix X, Task ID No. 2545

Dear Sir or Madam:

This in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining's (UT-DOGGM) June 8, 2006, request for a decision, under 30 CFR 944.30, whether the above subject permit revision constitutes a mining plan modification.

Mining plan approvals by the Secretary of the Interior are required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.* before coal mining can occur on Federal lands. This letter serves to document OSM's determination whether or not a mining plan approval from the Secretary is required for the above permitting action.

OSM's review of the Application for a Permit Revision, Revised Appendix X, has determined that it proposes to revise the text of the approved permit application for the Centennial Mine, Utah State permit C/007/019 to delete drilling of gob gas vent hole GVH#5A and drill gob gas vent holes GVH#7, GVH#8, GVH#9 and GVH#10.

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR 746.18(d). Therefore, the proposed permit revision does not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

OSM's decision was based solely upon the Federal regulations under 30 CFR PART 746 and not the technical aspects of the revision application itself. Consequently, OSM's decision does not relieve UT-DOGGM from coordinating the review and approval of the Application for a Permit Revision, Revised Appendix X with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the June 8, 2006, request to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment.

In an electronic submittal dated June 14, 2006, the U.S. Forest service stated it had no comments or concerns with the permit revision.

The Bureau of Land Management did not provide any comments in the thirty day time frame established by the Federal regulations under 30 CFR 944.30, Article VI. D.

Please notify the applicant of our decision on this matter.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or approval, please contact Carl R. Johnston, Utah Federal Lands coordinator, at (303) 844-1400, extension 1500.

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UT-0041

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RE: Canyon Fuel Company, LLC. - "Dugout Canyon" Mine - Application for a Permit
Revision, As-Built Drainage Controls, Task ID No. 2543

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining's (UT-DOGGM) June 8, 2006, request for a decision, under 30 CFR 944.30, whether the above subject permit revision constitutes a mining plan modification.

Mining plan approvals by the Secretary of the Interior are required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.* before coal mining can occur on Federal lands. This letter serves to document OSM's determination whether or not a mining plan approval from the Secretary is required for the above permitting action.

OSM's review of the Application for a Permit Revision, As-Built Drainage Controls, has determined that it proposes to add revised text and plates to the approved permit application package to address mine site drainage controls at the Dugout Canyon mine, Utah State permit C/007/039.

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR 746.18(d). Therefore, the proposed permit revision does not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

OSM's decision was based solely upon the Federal regulations under 30 CFR PART 746 and not the technical aspects of the revision application itself. Consequently, OSM's decision does not relieve UT-DOGGM from coordinating the review and approval of the Application for a Permit Revision, As-Built Drainage Controls, with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the June 8, 2006, request to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment.

In an electronic submittal dated June 14, 2006, the U.S. Forest service stated it had no comments or concerns with the permit revision.

The Bureau of Land Management did not provide any comments in the thirty day time frame established by the Federal regulations under 30 CFR 944.30, Article VI. D.

Please notify the applicant of our decision on this matter.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or approval, please contact Carl R. Johnston, Utah Federal Lands coordinator, at (303) 844-1400, extension 1500.

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