

February 8, 2006

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Subject: Approval of Permit Amendment, Rilda Canyon Facilities - Intake Portal Breakout Stabilization Work, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018, Task ID #2429, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Semborski:

The Division has completed its review of your February 3, 2006 permit amendment to allow a temporary, short-term (one week) access to the North Rilda Canyon Fan Portal Facilities project area, during the winter exclusionary period. Approval of this amendment authorizes the Permittee to enter the project area to perform minor surface stabilization work on the #1 intake portal breakout.

This work will enable mine personnel to safely exit this breakout, should an underground mine emergency occur. Larger-scale fan portal construction activities are not scheduled to begin until at least April 2006. Consultation with personnel from the Office of Surface Mining, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and the U.S. Forest Service has occurred regarding this proposal and no objections were raised.

A stamped incorporated copy of the approved amendment is enclosed for insertion into your copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan. If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5286, or Jerriann Ernstsen at (801) 538-5214.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg  
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure

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