

OGMCOAL - Fwd: Rock Fall at Deer Creek

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>>> "Fleck, Ken" <Kenneth.Fleck@PacifiCorp.com> 10/10/2011 9:55 AM >>>

Karl,

I left a message on your phone Friday morning about this incident. Let me know if I need to supply any further information.

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Date: October 09, 2011
From: Ken Fleck
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Subject: Rock Fall at Deer Creek Mine 10/06/11

At approximately 2:00 a.m. on October 06, 2010, a rock fall occurred at the Deer Creek Mine. Several rock fragments, as large as 15 feet across, fell from a cliff about 80 feet up on the west side of Deer Canyon, slid down the slope, and rolled into the small storage area where belt and other miscellaneous items are stored. The most serious damage was to an empty belt reel, which was smashed by the largest rock (the one that rolled the farthest). Most of the rock fragments came to rest in the center of the storage area that is mostly empty (for vehicle access). The area was dangered off immediately.

The rocks originated at the top of one of the ledge that forms the terraced hillside that rises above the storage area on the west. The other cliffs in the area display the typical jointed characteristics of the outcrops in the area and do contain fractures. There is no more loose material at this spot (all the material appears to have fallen from the point of origin. An inspection walk-around above and below the fall area did not reveal any other impending activity. This storage area is on the fringes of the Deer Creek mine yard and is not an area that is visited or traveled through frequently.

The fall may have been related to the heavy rains that concluded on Thursday of last week.

As required, this rock fall was reported by telephone to DOGM at 9:00 a.m. on October 7, 2010.

See photos on next pages:

Photo 1 - from entrance road, looking northwest showing origin and direction of fall.

Photo 2 – from east, looking west, showing rock fragments in yard. Belt reel is at center of photo.

