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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

This letter is in response to your letter dated February 6, 2013, concerning authority to consent to the modification of federal coal leases UTU-06039 and UTU-88554. The Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest, consented to these lease modifications in a letter to your office dated February 1, 2013. This is consistent with the Forest Service Manual. The Regional Forester has delegated coal leasing authority to the Forest Supervisor, as documented in Section 2822.04c of R4 Supplement 2800-2003-1 to Forest Service Manual 2800, dated April 29, 2003 (enclosed). Our Regional Office staff groups have changed since the supplement was issued, so we are in the process of updating the supplement to clarify the process. There will be no change in the delegation of authority.

Please contact Dale Harber, Regional Minerals Liaison, at 801-625-5147 or dharber@fs.fed.us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Marlene Finley

MARLENE FINLEY
Acting Regional Forester

Enclosure

cc: Allen Rowley, Liane Mattson

2822.04c - Forest Supervisors

Forest Supervisors are delegated the authority to sign responses to Bureau of Land Management proposals to issue oil and gas, coal, phosphate, sodium, geothermal, and potassium leases/licenses/permits for lands under their jurisdiction other than those reserved to the Chief (2822.04a). Forest Supervisors may also sign all NEPA documentation associated with these actions. This authority may not be redelegated.

The Regional Office, Bio-Physical Resources (BPR), Minerals Staff, is the liaison between the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. All Bureau of Land Management requests must be submitted to the Regional Office, BPR, and then forwarded to the Forests. Forests shall send a copy of all finalized consent/recommend/not object responses to BPR. The Regional Office maintains the official records for all leasable actions.

2822.31e - Rights to Use of Surface

Associated uses by the Lessee or operator, directly related to the drilling and/or production of an oil and gas well, should be approved as part of the Surface Use Plan of Operations whether located on or off lease. These uses would typically involve such things as off lease road access, crew camps, helispot, flowlines, for example. Uses by other than the lessee or operator, must be authorized through the issuance of a Special Use Permit or other means of authorization.

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