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UTU-73336 (LMU)

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Energy West Mining Co.  
Subsidiary of PacifiCorp  
Rick Poulson, Mine Manager, Deer Creek Mine  
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Re: Approved – Deer Creek Mine Closure – Equipment Left In-Place – Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) Modification

Dear Mr. Poulson:

By letter dated March 31, 2015, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a request from PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Co., for BLM approval to seal the remainder of the Deer Creek Mine in its entirety, including workings in the Blind Canyon and Hiawatha Seams and to leave certain listed equipment in the Deer Creek Mine in the condition specified.

After consulting with the Forest Service, the BLM approves leaving the listed equipment in the condition specified with the following stipulation:

All belt structures outby the 7<sup>th</sup> North XC-39 seals to the Rilda Canyon Right Fork Portals must be removed if it is anticipated the structures will be submerged after seals and hydrologic bulkheads are emplaced.

The R2P2 revision addressing approval to seal the remainder of the Deer Creek/Cottonwood Mines (LMU UTU73336) in its entirety is being reviewed by the Price Field Office. Approval/disapproval will be sent in a separate letter from the Price Field Office.

**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):** No new surface disturbance is predicted with this action, and therefore this action is Categorically Excluded (CX) from NEPA analysis under DM 516 chapter 11.5, paragraph F. (8): Approval of minor modifications to, or minor variances from, activities described in an approved underground or surface mine plan for leasable minerals (e.g., change in mining sequence or timing).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jeff McKenzie of this office at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,



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