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Mr. Kenneth S. Fleck
Geology and Environmental Affairs Manager
Interwest Mining Company
P.O. Box 310
Huntington, Utah 84528

Re: Deer Creek Mine Year-end Map Requirement

Dear Mr. Fleck:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is in receipt of your letter of January 18, 2017, requesting exemption from the year-end map submittal requirement for 2016.

As you are aware, 43 CFR 3482.3ⁱ requires that annual mine maps be submitted showing all mining and mine changes since the last annual submittal. Deer Creek Mine is still an active mine even though there has been no mining. A portion of the mine is still being ventilated and the

Mine Safety and Health Administration considers the status of the mine "active" and their requirements must be maintained. Additionally, even though there has been no mining, seals have been constructed, a hole for mine drainage has been drilled, and the ventilation circuits have been modified. All of these changes should be shown on an updated map. The BLM understands that there are still additional changes that will occur during 2017.

To ensure that the BLM has the latest update for the mine, the BLM denies your request for an exemption from the mine map submittal requirement and requires an updated map be submitted no later than April 1, 2107, and include plots of horizontal or vertical drill holes.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Rigby at the Price Field Office at (435) 636-3604 or Jeff McKenzie at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,



Roger L. Bankert
Chief, Branch of Minerals

cc: Price Field Office
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ⁱ 43 CFR § 3482.3 Mining operations maps (italics added)

(a) General requirements. Upon commencement of mining operations, the operator/lessee shall maintain accurate and up-to-date maps of the mine, drawn to scales acceptable to the authorized officer. Before a mine or section of a mine is abandoned, closed, or made inaccessible, a survey of the mine or section shall be made by the operator/lessee and recorded on such maps. All excavation in each separate coal bed shall be shown in such a manner that the production of coal for any royalty reporting period can be accurately ascertained. Additionally, the maps shall show the name of the mine; name of the operator/lessee; Federal lease or license serial number(s); permit number; Federal lease and permit boundary lines; surface buildings; dip of the coal bed(s); true north; map scale; map explanation; location, diameter, and depth of auger holes; improvements; topography, including subsidence resulting from mining; geologic conditions as determined from outcrops, drill holes, exploration, or mining; any unusual geologic or other occurrences such as dikes, faults, splits, *unusual water occurrences, or other conditions that may influence MER; and other information that the authorized officer may request.* Copies of such maps shall be properly posted to date and furnished, in duplicate, to the authorized officer annually, or at such other times as the authorized officer requests. Copies of any maps, normally submitted to the regulatory authority, Mine Safety and Health Administration, or other State or Federal Agencies, that show all of the specific data required by this paragraph or paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section shall be acceptable in fulfilling these requirements.

(b) Underground mine maps. Underground mine maps, in addition to the general requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, shall show all mine workings; the date of extension of the mine workings; an illustrative coal section at the face of each working unit; *location of all surface mine fans; ventilation stoppings, doors, overcasts, undercasts, permanent seals, and regulators; direction of the ventilating current in the various parts of the mine at the time of making the latest surveys; sealed areas; known bodies of standing water in other mine workings, either in, above, or below the active workings of the mine; areas affected by squeezes; elevations of surface and underground levels of all shafts, slopes, or drifts, and elevation of the floor, bottom of the mine workings, or mine survey stations in the roof at regular intervals in main entries, panels, or sections; and sump areas.* Any maps submitted to the regulatory authority to be used to monitor subsidence shall also be submitted to the authorized officer.