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**Subj: Extension Request #2 Responding to the Mid-Term Review, Task ID 5682, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018, Emery County, Utah.**

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Interwest Mining Company, as mine manager, hereby requests an extension to respond to the two deficiencies identified by the Division during their mid-term review of the Deer Creek Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Two deficiencies were received: 1) providing an improved detail for seeding locations, and to relocate the white fir/aspen reference area that was destroyed in the Trail Mountain wildfire, and 2) resolving a deficient bond amount for the Deer Creek Mine.

The first part of the first deficiency can be addressed and is attached to this submittal for Division review. The second part of the deficiency cannot be addressed until a later date. In early September, prior to the first extension request, PacifiCorp reached out to Mt Nebo Scientific to conduct the required work for reestablishing a reference area for the white fir/aspen seeded areas. Mt Nebo Scientific indicated that it was booked up and would not be able to make accommodations until mid-October. Field work could be completed in mid-October. However, lab work and report writing will be required. PacifiCorp expects that it will take until the January or February of next year before all work for reestablishing a new reference area will be completed.

As mentioned in the September 10<sup>th</sup> extension request letter, the second deficiency involves resolving a deficient bond amount for the Deer Creek Mine. The Division listed two alternatives to resolve the deficient bond issue; 1) post additional bonding to relieve the shortage for the 5 year permit term, or 2) apply for bond release for the reclamation work that has already been completed at the Deer Creek Mine.

PacifiCorp feels that alternative number 1 is not practical. Posting additional bonding for a mine completely reclaimed prior to end of the permit term (ending in Feb. 2021) does not make sense to PacifiCorp. At present, PacifiCorp has commenced final reclamation at the Rilda Portal Facility. Demolition at the Deer Creek Mine Site will be completed by December of this year and earthwork and revegetation for the Deer Creek mine site will commence in the spring of 2019 and be completed in the fall.

With this being said, PacifiCorp feels it is more appropriate to apply for Phase I Bond Release once the Rilda reclamation work is complete in December 2018 and file another application for Phase 1 bond release for all of the remaining disturbed areas in 2019 prior to the permit term expiring.

Therefore, PacifiCorp requests an extension to respond to the deficiencies until March 1, 2019. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please feel free to contact me at any time at 435-687-4712, Chuck Semborski at 435-687-4720, or Dennis Oakley at 435-687-4825.

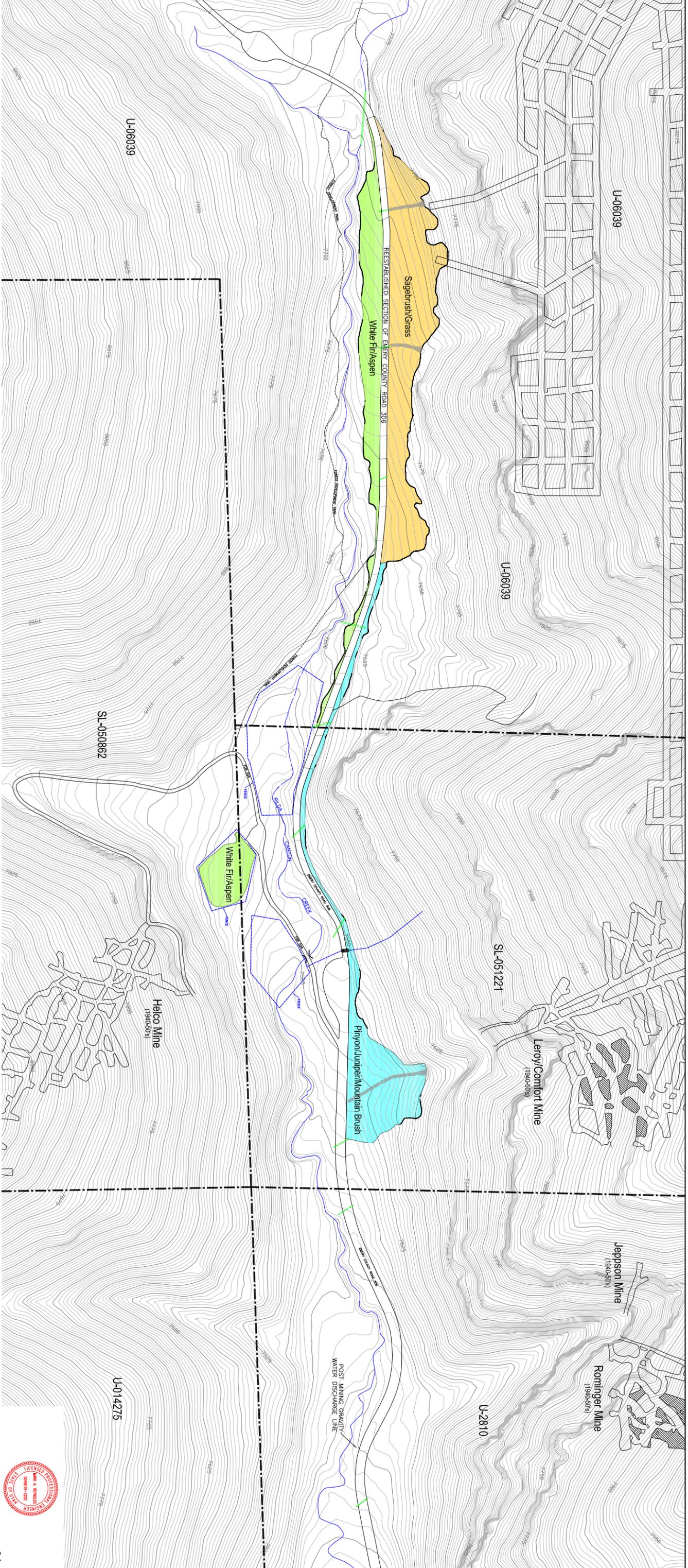
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth S. Fleck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kenneth Fleck

Manager of Geology and Environmental Affairs

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- Seed Mixes**
- Sagebrush/Grass
  - White Fir/Aspen
  - Pinyon/Juniper/Mountain Brush



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**DEER CREEK MINE**  
**PRIDA CANTONMENT FACILITIES**  
**SEEDING APPLICATION MAP**

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