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Subj: Response to Deficiencies and Completion of 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, hereby requests approval of the Mid-Term Review for Deer Creek Mine, having responded to the 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.

In a letter dated October 8th, 2018, PacifiCorp requested, and was granted, an extension until March 1, 2019.

The response to the first part of the first deficiency was submitted on October 8, 2019 for Division review, in the form of a detailed seeding area map. The second part of the response, consisting of a report from Mt. Nebo Scientific establishing a new reference area, was sent to Todd Miller on January 2, 2019. Todd responded on January 23, 2019, indicating that the proposed new reference area was acceptable.

As mentioned in the October 8th 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 provided new bond figures to account for Phase III Bond Release of the Left Fork portals at Deer Creek (Task #5775, approved January 29, 2019), and in the amendment to remove the Waste Rock Site from the permit (Task #5845, approved January 31, 2019); the revised bond calculations were approved by Justin Eatchel.

Therefore, PacifiCorp requests approval of the Mid-Term Review, having resolved the

deficiencies. 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,



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