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Fwd: RESPONSE REQUESTED - Emery County Project Update/Deer Creek Mine Reclamation Obligations

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fyi- Deer Creek/Rilda Canyon reclamation plan.

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To: <K.C.Savage@ut.usda.gov>

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Hi K.C.,

I am following up and would like to request a status update on the Emery County watershed restoration plan development.

This past April, I and another OSMRE colleague traveled out to Price, Utah to view and discuss reclamation of a small area located within PacifiCorp's Deer Creek Mine permit area. Based on our prior conversations dating back to before that on-site visit in April, it has been our understanding that a small portion of the County's project plans will overlap with the Deer Creek permit area where PacifiCorp has reclamation obligations under Utah's coal regulatory program.

It is our responsibility under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) to ensure the completion of successful site reclamation according to a permittee's reclamation plan. At this time, however, the reclamation plan for that particular area of the Deer Creek Mine must be modified to accommodate the County's pending plan for stabilizing the surrounding hill-slopes due to last year's wildfires. OSMRE and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining have been persistently attempting to resolve the issue, but we need a copy of the County's plans, *or the portion thereof that will impact the Deer Creek permit area*, so we can take the necessary steps to comply with our legal framework. We understand that time is of the essence and all involved parties must work together to mitigate potential environmental damage caused by future rain events.

Any feedback or information you can provide with respect to **(1)** your agency's project timeline **OR (2)** the project details impacting the Deer Creek area would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to give me a call if you'd like to discuss further.

Thank you and talk with you soon,

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