

October 8, 1976

MEMO TO FILE:

Re: Peabody Coal Company
Wilberg Mine
Emery County, Utah
PRO/015/006

On October 5th Ron Daniels and Brian Buck visited this coal mine at the head of Grimes Wash, at East Mountain.

This mine has been intermittently active from 1898 to 1967. During this period approximately 168,000 tons of coal was mined primarily from the Hiawatha seam of the Blackhawk Formation.

Peabody Coal Company is now driving exploratory entries and rejuvenating parts of the old workings in their exploratory work on the Federal Wilberg lease which is located on 4,658 acres of Forest Service and private land. This work is anticipated to be completed sometime in 1978 with an annual production of 1,000,000 tons, increasing to 2,400,000 tons by 1980. All of this coal will be consumed by Utah Power & Light's Emery Power Plant now under construction.

Most of the land to be disturbed by the surface mine facilities is federally controlled by the BLM and Forest Service. At this point the Division is looking at the possible impacts of the mining on the private land in the lease area.

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