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TO: Joe Helfrich, Permit Supervisor *J. Helfrich*  
Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director *M. Ann Wright*

FROM: Wm. J. Malencik, Reclamation Specialist *W. J. Malencik*

RE: Reclamation of Cottonwood Fan Portal, PacifiCorp, Cottonwood Mine,  
ACT/015/019, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Please find enclosed a reclamation plan for the Cottonwood Fan Portal. Because of recent portal construction adjacent to this area, PacifiCorp has eventually concluded it does not need a fan portal. See attached letter dated June 27, 1996.

This is being submitted to your office for appropriate action. The paramount issue concerns a highwall. The reclamation, you will note, is scheduled for C.Y. 1997.

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enclosures  
cc: Chuck Semborski





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June 27, 1996

Val Payne  
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RE: Fan Portal, Cottonwood Mine, PacifiCorp, ACT/015/019, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Payne:

About a month ago, mentioned that I would be writing you a letter concerning the Cottonwood Fan Portal.

The key question with the recent intertie of the Cottonwood and Trail Mountain mines:

- Does PacifiCorp still require the Cottonwood Fan Portal in the MRP specified disturbed area?
- If not, then the next question, what are your plans and time frames for reclamation?

A review of the record reveals the following highlights:

- (1) The lower part of the Cottonwood Fan Portal disturbed area has been reclaimed; the upper part has not been reclaimed.
- (2) The upper area has been the subject of numerous discussion on why the area was not reclaimed by others, including OSM.
- (3) The intertie amendment proposed utilizing spoil and topsoil from one project to another project. As I understand, your proposal was discussed with the permitting staff to utilize the material from the overhead conveyor et. al. to reclaim the Cottonwood Fan Portal Area. However, as I recall, logistics did not work out, resulting in the material being stored at the waste rock site.

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Fan Portal

June 27, 1996

How the Cottonwood Fan Portal squares with contemporaneous reclamation requirements of the Utah Coal Rules (R645-301-352) is a concern. If there is no need for the fan portal, believe the conditions are ripe for a decision on this matter.

The Division has made some progress on the matter of total high wall elimination. For example, the Gordon Creek #7 mine final reclamation plan was approved with a remnant high wall. Would appreciate your usual prompt reply on the specific questions and any other information that you believe is necessary for the resolutions of this matter.

Sincerely,



Wm. J. Malencik  
Reclamation Specialist

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cc: DOGM. Please Route to:

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