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THRU: Joe Helfrich, Permit Supervisor *JH*

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FROM: Susan M. White, Senior Reclamation Biologist *SMW*

RE: Fan Portal Reclamation Review Round III, PacifiCorp, Cottonwood Wilburg Mine, ACT\015\019-97C, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

## SUMMARY:

The reclamation plan for the Cottonwood Fan Portal was reviewed as part of the mid-term in early 1997. The Operator responded to that review with a permit change dated July 1, 1997. My Technical Analysis (TA) dated August 8, 1997 reviews the July 1 submittal. The plan was again resubmitted October 1, 1997 and my December 2, 1998 TA reviews that submittal. Another submittal dated January 16, 1998 was received and this TA reviews the current submittal. Only that portion of the TA reviewing the deficiency has been included in this round. The amendment should not be approved until the deficiency associated with the land owner is resolved.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INFORMATION**

Regulatory Reference: Pub. L 95-87 Sections 507(b), 508(a), and 516(b); 30 CFR Sec. 783., et. al.

## **LAND-USE RESOURCE INFORMATION**

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 783.22; R645-301-411.

**Analysis:**

The stated premining land use for the general area is range forage and wildlife habitat. The land in the Cottonwood Canyon area is used primarily for spring and winter range forage, wildlife habitat and mineral mining. The area specific to the portal area is to steep for cattle grazing, therefore, the stated postmining land use is wildlife habitat.

No comments could be found in the permit from the surface land owner concerning the proposed reclamation and post mining land use. The L.D.S. Church is shown as the land owner.

**Findings:**

The permittee must provide the following in accordance with the requirements of:

**R645-301-412.200**, a copy of the comments from the land owner concerning the proposed reclamation and the post mining land use must be included in the permit.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Prior to approval the requirement of R645-301-412.200 must be provided as outlined above. Discrepancies and contradicting information may exist when this permit amendment is added to the approved plan. Clarification may be needed that Volume 11 supersedes any other information on the fan portal in other volumes of the approved permit.