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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig.

This is in response to your recent letter inquiring about applications to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for coal lease relinquishment. You asked for the BLM to clarify the effect of such applications on right-of-entry on the land surface.

Application for coal lease relinquishment does not automatically result in such relinquishment. First, this office must make a determination that lease relinquishment will not impair the public interest (see 43 CFR 3452.1-3).

Even if under application for relinquishment, a lease allows the lessee to enter the land for lease-related purposes, assuming all requirements for such entry have otherwise been met.

Further questions on this matter may be referred to Alan Rabinoff in this office at (801) 539-4228.

Sincerely,

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Deputy State Director,  
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