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Re: Cottonwood Leach Field

1 message

Joseph Helfrich <joe Helfrich@utah.gov> Fri, Mar 2, 2018 at 10:56 AM
 To: "Oakley, Dennis" <Dennis.Oakley@pacificcorp.com>, OGMCOAL DNR <ogmcoal@utah.gov>, Todd Miller <toddmiller@utah.gov>, Steve Christensen <stevechristensen@utah.gov>, Daron Haddock <daronhaddock@utah.gov>, Pat Collins <mt.nebo@xmission.com>, Priscilla Burton <priscillaburton@utah.gov>

Hi Dennis,

I spoke with Pat Collins yesterday, 3/1/2018, and several weeks earlier at his office with Todd Miller regarding the 1st year vegetation monitoring results for the CTW leach field. I also spoke with Priscilla Burton in that regard. The species composition data indicated that there were several weedy species present at the reclaimed leach field site. Since they currently do not pose a threat to the overall success (phase III bond release) of the other species, the Division is recommending that the reclaimed leach field be left as is for the second consecutive year of quantitative sampling. Let us know if that will meet your needs. If we need to discuss further give us a call.....Joe

On Wed, Feb 28, 2018 at 4:07 PM, Oakley, Dennis <Dennis.Oakley@pacificcorp.com> wrote:

Joe,

A few weeks ago we talked about Mt Nebo Scientific's 1st year monitoring results for the CTW leach field. I indicated to you that the site exceeded the standards for cover, diversity, woody species density, and productivity. However, the majority of the cover was made up of a weedy specie ground cover. I ask you if could look into any variance to the bond release requirements we could use to proceed with Phase III bond release for the site. We would still provide for husbandry practices such as chemical spot treating of the weedy species and reseed. If we're able to treat and reseed, I would like to do this as early as possible in the spring so that we can get a native cover growing by the time we need to monitor again so as to not impact our cover counts.

Could you provide me with any update you may have?

Thanks in advance.

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