

March 29, 1979

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Bear Creek Canyon
Co-op Mining
Emery County, Utah
ACT/015/025

The Bear Creek Canyon Portal site, proposed by Co-op Mining, was inspected by Mike Thompson and Tom Suchoski on March 27, 1979.

This proposed operation was recently brought to the attention of the Division by Mr. Wendel Owen. On March 14, 1979, he submitted a Mining and Reclamation Plan for this operation.

On reaching the area, it was found that approximately 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile of road 10 to 15 feet wide had been cut. It appeared that most of the work had been done early this year or last fall, as some snow lay undisturbed on the road in some areas.

The road led to a pad approximately 250 feet long by 30 feet wide in size, with a 10 foot highwall. The pad appeared to have been recently constructed or worked. Material from the pad had been pushed over the side and disturbed an area approximately 300 feet long by 40 feet wide.

This disturbance approaches 2 acres of disturbed area and more than 500 tons of material moved.

Photographs were taken of the areas disturbed.

Mr. Wendel Owen needs to be contacted to determine if this disturbance is indeed Co-op's operation. Topographic maps need to be examined to make sure that the canyon was the correct one.

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cc: Office of Surface Mining, Denver

*See memo to Coal File for U.S. Steel of March 29, 1979.