

July 23, 1979

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Co-op Mining Company  
Bear Creek Canyon Portal Facilities  
ACT/015/025

Co-op Mining Company's Bear Creek Canyon proposed mine site was inspected on July 18, 1979 by Tom Suchoski and Mike Thompson. Mr. Wendell Owen of Co-op met the Division personnel at the site. The inspection was scheduled during the previous meeting of July 3, 1979, held at the Division's office.

The purpose of the site inspection was to observe proposed surface facilities that were flagged on the ground.

It was observed that the upper pad area had been extended approximately 100 yards since the last inspection of June 6, 1979. Mr. Owen stated that construction ceased upon issuance of the Board Order given during the meeting of June 27, 1979. The extension was cut for two purposes: to gain access to the abandoned workings for surveying and for the future fan facility. Approximately two gallons per minute discharge was observed flowing from the old workings.

In general, the mine should pose a limited environmental hazard. One potential problem is the proximity of the haul road and open stockpile to Bear Creek. Three culverts must be sized: the stream crossing, the wash between the stockpile and the pond and one on the upper pad.

The concept of diverting surface runoff from above the portal area into the underground sump for in-mine use and surface sediment control was discussed.

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cc: Murray Smith, Office of Surface Mining

Accounting Statistics:

Vehicle: EX 68805  
Mileage: 483 miles  
Man hours: 36 hours  
Per Diem: \$72.18

Also includes: Co-op Trail Canyon, Utah Power & Light, American Electric Power (July 18, 1979) Soldier Creek, U.S. Steel Geneva, Kaiser (July 19, 1979).