

May 20, 1980

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:RE: Co-op Mining company
Bear Creek Canyon Portal
ACT/015/025
Emery County, Utah

The above mentioned operation was given a partial inspection on May 5, 1980 by Joe Helfrich from the Division. He was accompanied by Wendell Owen, Mine Operator, for the Trail Canyon Mine and the Bear Creek Canyon Portal Mine.

At present, the Bear Creek Canyon Portal is under a cessation order which was issued on November 27, 1979. Tentative approval to commence room-and-pillar mining was issued on April 24, 1980, with nine stipulations addressed in the April Board Hearings regarding the order to show cause for approval for notice of intent and reclamation plan submitted by Co-op Mining Company. The approval was issued in order to prompt action by the Castle Valley Special Services District in regards to replentishing the water supply of existing springs on the permit area of the Bear Creek Canyon Portal area.

During the week of April 28, 1980, Ron Daniels from the Division was contacted by Wendell Owen in regards to sealing the existing portal at the Bear Creek Canyon Area to prevent entry by private citizens. Future use of the existing portal would be for escape purposes only as the angle of the portal is not functional for the proposed design of the conveyor entry system. Sealing the portal will involve the implementation of steel doors and some cement work. Additional regrading of the existing road would have to be implemented in order to gain access of men and materials to seal the portal. There was no activity and there were no violations issued at the mine site.

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