

June 9, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Co-op Mining Company
Bear Canyon Mine
ACT/015/025
Folder No. 7
Emery County, Utah

On May 27, 1983 DOGM Field Specialists Ken Wyatt and Sandy Pruitt conducted an inspection at the Bear Canyon minesite. The purpose of this inspection was to examine for any use of the scale area and to observe the county road passing through this minesite as per a request from John Whitehead, Field Specialist for this mine operation.

At the time of this inspection it appeared as though a guard had been placed at the turnoff to the Bear Canyon facilities. These inspectors drove up past the scale area on up to Wild Horse Ridge exploration area. A scale truck was observed leaving the Bear Canyon facilities at the onset of this inspection. No immediate activity was observed however after returning from the Wild Horse Ridge exploration area it was noticed that barrels had been rolled out onto the scales. No Co-op personnel were contacted regarding this inspection.

The county road leading up past the scale area to the portal area appeared to have been regraded as per DOGM request. However, the adequacy of this regrading could not be assessed at this time. No vehicle tracks were observed leading off of the south end of the scales indicating that trucks were not using these scales. It should be noted however that trucks could pull onto the scales from the north end, be weighed and then back off.

After exiting the Bear Canyon area these inspectors parked alongside the Bear Creek campground adjacent to Huntington Creek. These inspectors then hiked along the ridge to get a direct view of the Bear Canyon facilities. Surveillance of this area revealed coal loading and haulage through the mine area along the county road. However, no use of the scales facility was observed. After leaving Bear Canyon coal trucks would turn onto Utah highway 31 towards Huntington. Future inspections of this type will be needed to assess whether or not mining activity is occurring on the scales and the extent to which the county road had been recontoured to the original dimensions.

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Statistics:

See Valley Camp of Utah Inc., Belina Mine memo dated June 3, 1983.
Grant: A & E