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To: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor

From: Susan M. White, Biologist SMW

Re: Middle Seam, Proposed Blind Canyon Portals, Bear Canyon Mine, Co-op Mining Company, ACT/015/025-90D, Folder 2, Emery County, Utah

Synopsis and Analysis

Co-Op Mining Co. is proposing two new portals in Blind Canyon, a fan ventilation portal and an explosion door. One intake portal already exists in Blind Canyon adjacent to the proposed portals.

The portals are proposed to be built from inside the mine with a continuous miner. No disturbances outside of the portals are proposed, the only surface access would be by foot. Any coal debris which falls down slope will be retrieved by hand. No drainage control is proposed because this is a dry area of the mine and the portal is concealed in the coal seam below an over hanging ledge.

Reclamation of the portals would be from inside the mine, pushing material 25 feet distance from the opening and sealing. No revegetation is proposed. A raptor survey will be done as soon as access to the top of Gentry Mountain is possible.

Recommendations

This submittal can be approved when the following stipulation is met:

No break out or portals will be constructed until the applicant has submitted documentation for inclusion in the PAP that a raptor survey has been completed and that no disturbance or threats to nesting raptors exist in the area.