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Dear Forest User:

The Manti-La Sal National Forest And The Bureau Of Land Management are evaluating an application from Co-op Mining Company, submitted on behalf of COP Coal Development Company, for modification of Federal Coal Leases U-38727 and U-61049. The proposal involves adding 40.0 acres to U-38727 And 160.0 acres to U-61049. The lease modification areas lie on National Forest System lands administered by the Manti-La Sal National Forest in Emery County, as follows (see attached map):

Lease U-38727

T. 16 S., R. 7 E., SLM, Emery County, Utah
Section 24, NE1/4NE1/4

Lease U-61049

T. 16 S., R. 8 E., SLM, Emery County, Utah
Section 19, SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, and
Section 20, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

These areas are completely surrounded by existing federal leases held by COP Coal Development Bear Canyon Mine. Co-op's application would involve adding these two parcels to their current leases, subject to all lease stipulations already contained in the existing leases.

The proposed lease modifications would allow mining of coal reserves in the unleased blocks. If they are not mined concurrently with existing leases, the coal would be bypassed and likely never mined. There is no other potential access to these areas.

If you have questions or wish to comment on the proposed action, please contact Dale Harber at the above address or by telephone by 5:00 p.m., July 6, 2001.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request that a submission be withheld from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that such confidentiality is granted in only very limited

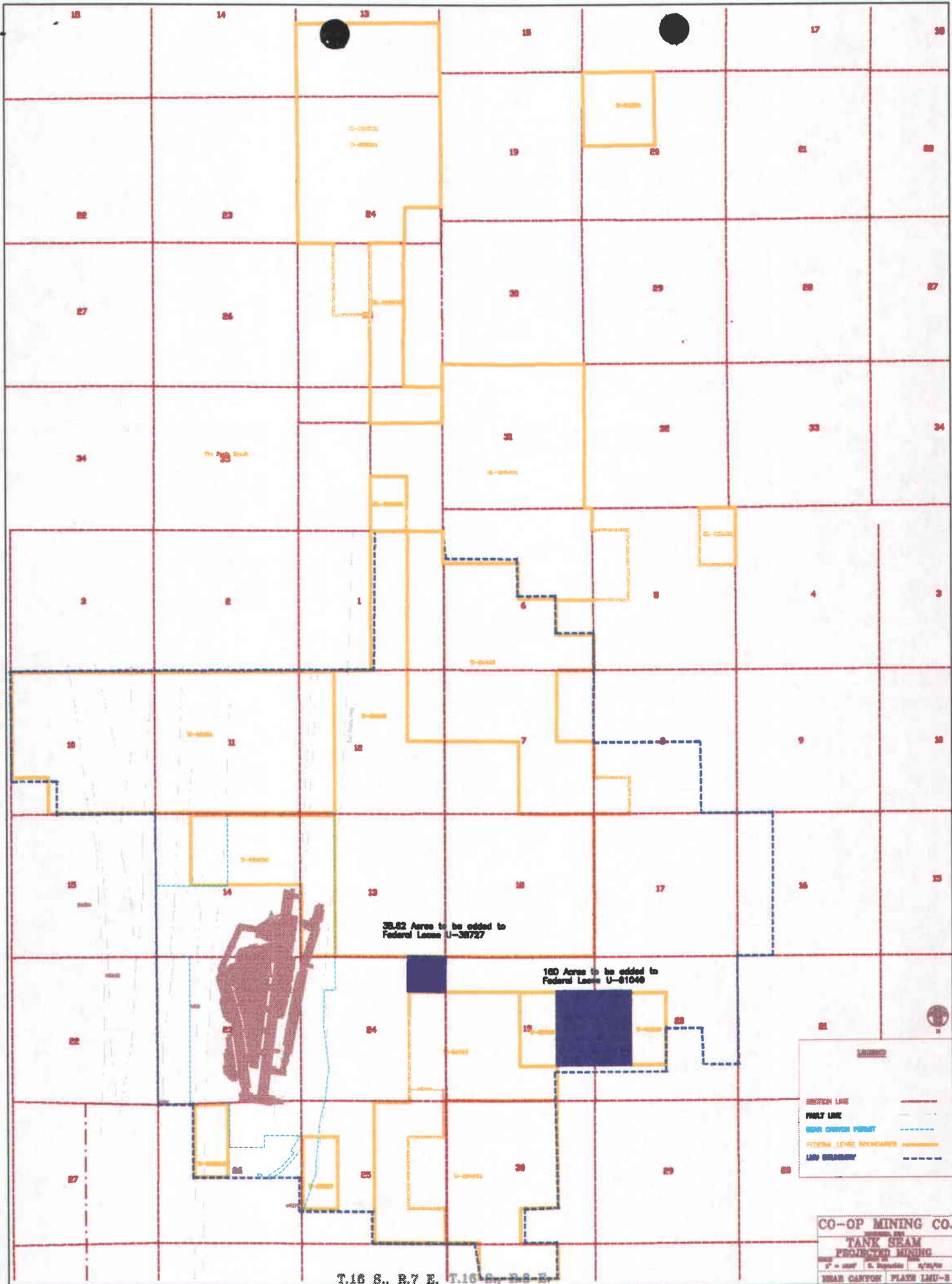


circumstances. The Forest will inform the requester of its decision regarding a request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the Forest will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address.

Sincerely,


ELAINE J. ZIEROTH
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure



38.82 Acres to be added to
Federal Lease U-38727

160 Acres to be added to
Federal Lease U-81048

LEGEND

- SURVEY LINE ————
- WELL LINE - - - - -
- BEAR CANYON POINT - - - - -
- FEDERAL LEASE BOUNDARIES ————
- LAND BOUNDARY - - - - -

CO-OP MINING CO.
 TANK SEAM
 PROPOSED MINING
 1" = 400' G. Reynolds 5/25/78
 BEAR CANYON PLAYS LAM-2

T.16 S., R.7 E. T.16 S., R.8 E.