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From: Susan White
To: Mark Reynolds; Pete Hess
Date: 6/16/2005 8:44:29 AM
Subject: Re: Tank Seam Reclamation

Hi Mark,

It's great and important that you get the seeding done right after grading but if I can explain why it might have been better to time your grading work so that you could have seeded in the fall. I assume your permit states that you will seed in the fall. Usually we seed right before the most reliable time and greatest amount of precipitation. In central Utah that is winter and early spring. We seed in the fall because it is usually too muddy to work the soil in early spring (March) to take advantage of the early and prolong moisture. We also seed in the fall because some of our native seed like the penstemons require a cold period prior to germination. We can hope that some of the seed you've seeded will sit in the ground until next spring and perhaps some of the other seed not requiring a cold period will germinate this spring or summer. Bear Canyon is in a low precipitation area, seeding is not always dependable. Continued reseeding attempts maybe needed even when seeding is done correctly.

I know your trying your best. I'm just trying to help you save money and have successful results. I hope the seeding works and you don't have to reseed. So far this is a great year!
Susan

>>> Mark Reynolds <mreynolds@etvnet> 6/14/05 11:42 AM >>>

Approximately one month ago we seeded the Tank Seam area in order to catch the spring showers. Two weeks ago we started laying erosion control matting and also reseeding. The crew working on this only spends approximately 60% of their time on it. The rest of their time is spent surveying, collecting water samples, and maintaining sediment control devices such as ditches and culverts around the mine site. I anticipate completing this project by mid July. I have attached to photos of the area. You can see lighter colored matting above the left switchback that represents matting laid this year. You can see that although they have only been working for two weeks at 60% efficiency that have almost covered an area as large as we did in the previous two years. Charles has placed a high priority on getting the matting laid so mid July should be the latest completion date and it will probably be completed sooner.

CC: Jerriann Ernstsens; Pam Grubaugh-Littig; Priscilla Burton