

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR

Bear Canyon Mine
Federal Coal Leases U-024316, U-46484, U-61048, and U-61049
Mining Plan Decision Document

1. Introduction

Co-Op Mining Company submitted a permit application package (PAP) for a permit revision for the Bear Canyon Mine to the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UT-DOGMM). The PAP proposed extending underground mining operations into approximately 5,095 acres of Federal coal in Federal leases U-024316, U-46484, U-61048, and U-61049. Under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, must approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the mining plan for Federal leases U-024316, U-46484, U-61048, and U-61049. Pursuant to 30 CFR Part 746, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is recommending approval of the mining plan action without special conditions.

2. Statement of Environmental Significance of the Proposed Action

The undersigned person has determined that the above-named proposed action would not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment under section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), and therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

3. Reasons

This finding of no significant impact is based on the attached U.S. Forest Service, with OSM as a cooperating agency, Environmental Assessment titled, *Environmental Assessment Bear Canyon Mine, CO-OP Mining Company, Mining Plan Modification, Emery County, Utah*, which has been independently evaluated by OSM and determined to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed action adequately and accurately and to provide sufficient evidence and analysis for this finding of no significant impact. OSM takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the attached environmental assessment.

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Chief, Northwest Branch

April 06, 2007
Date