

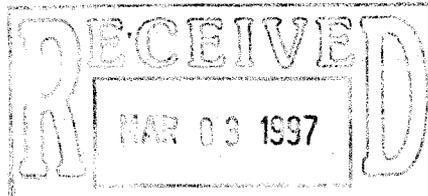
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Date: February 25, 1997

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CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Dear Laine,

The continuing problem of mine and employee's vehicles occupying the trailhead at Crandall Canyon remains a concern to us. The trailhead area is under permit for the purpose of snow storage during the winter months and occupancy for mining related activities is not authorized at other times.

Letters were sent to Genwal Resources and DOGM on July 18th, 1996, following up with a number of phone calls and discussions alerting you to the problem last spring and summer. Once the letters were sent, the problem seemed to be resolved. Based on the referenced letters, permission was requested on two occasions by Genwal Resources to use the parking area during longwall moves; on both occasions permission was granted for those specific activities.

On February 18th, Jill DuFour and Jeff DeFreest visited Crandall Canyon to look at snow conditions for a field trip planned for the next day. The trailhead parking area was full of vehicles and equipment. There were 8 personal vehicles, one of your mine buses, a Kabota tractor, a forklift, a mine pickup, and 3 pieces of mine equipment. One of the pieces of mine equipment was evidently undergoing some minor maintenance as there was a hydraulic-type filter box on the ground, and a filter and tools laying on its fender.

The site was visited once more on February 21st, by Steve Demczak of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM), and Jeff DeFreest. The parking area still had mine equipment and a Ford Bronco parked there.

In light of this apparent non-resolution of the problem, you are reminded of the terms and conditions of the commercial road use permit requiring compliance with regulations of the Department of Agriculture. Continued violations of the Special Use Permit for snow storage at the trailhead parking area could result in a finding of noncompliance with your Road Use Permit, which could further lead to a suspension of commercial haul.

We request your personal attention in resolving this situation once and for all. While we do not relish the idea of suspending your permit for commercial haul on Forest Development Road 50248, we see few other options available to obtain remedial actions.

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Please feel free to contact Brent Barney, Transportation Engineer, or Jeff DeFreest, Ferron-Price District Geologist, or me if you have any questions or comments on the subject.

Sincerely,

/s/ Aaron L. Howe

for
JANETTE S. KAISER
Forest Supervisor

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