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Re: Minor Modification, Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), Longwall Panel #19 and Related Area, Crandall Canyon Mine

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received from Genwal Resources on June 6, 2001, proposed changes to the subject R2P2. The modification plans to add an additional longwall panel (#19) east of panels #4 and #5 and clarifies projected mining plans around this new panel. The proposals are located on Federal lease UTU-68082.

First, Genwal proposes to develop and mine an additional longwall panel in an area that was originally planned for room-and-pillar mining methods with continuous miners. Second, Genwal has revised the development entries and room-and-pillar panels next to this newly planned longwall panel (#19). Genwal cites updated and more accurate surveys of Crandall Canyon Creek and its no second mining stream buffer zone, along with favorable coal heights in the 4½ East development entries, as the primary reasons to change the R2P2 and increase coal recovery with the proposed longwall panel.

Previously, longwall panels #4 and #5 were limited in their eastern extent by the forks of Crandall Canyon Creek to protect this stream from subsidence impacts. First mining with a no subsidence mining plan was approved for this location. After a new GPS survey of the creek and the associated 20 degree angle of draw stream buffer zone was established, you have determined that a small block of coal could be mined with longwall mining methods and still remain outside the stream buffer zone. Also, you have reported that the coal height of the area has been more favorable as the thickness of the 4½ East development entries, as it approaches the area for the new longwall panel, is still above 8 feet.

The BLM has been interested in this area and has inspected the new 4½ East development entries. We are in agreement with the proposal as a new longwall panel will increase recovery in the area and still provide for the protection of the stream. The layout is logical and the proposed longwall panel is well outside the stream no subsidence buffer zone. Also, the remaining room-and-pillar panels are set to maximize the recovery of the coal with a qualifier depending on coal quantity and quality.