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OGMCOAL - 0150032, Crandall Canyon Mine, East Mountain Reclamation, June 25 Meeting Notes

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Hello All,

I am sending a copy of the June 25 meeting notes. Following Division protocol, I have summarized the site visit in a separate inspection report, which I will forward when it is finalized.

Thanks for your help with this reclamation work.

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UTAH OGM COAL PROGRAM MEETING NOTES

Date: June 25, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Price DNR Conference Room

To: Internal File, Crandall Canyon, C/015/0032.

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Attendees: DOGM: Daron Haddock, Priscilla Burton
USFS: Tom Lloyd, Bill Broadbear, Seth Wallace, Daniel Luke
SITLA: Scott Bartlett
UEI: Jay Marshall
SCAMP: Shane Campbell (Scamp Excavation, Inc.)

Purpose: Discuss remaining reclamation, access and bond release on East Mountain.

MEETING SUMMARY (See Inspection Report 3148 for details of the site visit made the following day, on June 26, 2012):

SITLA Access:

Attachment #2 of Appendix 5-22A of the MRP shows the location of the access road across USFS and SITLA lands.

Scott Bartlett presented information on the application process for an easement on SITLA land. Most easements are for roads not trails. Easements require payment by the foot. USFS is not inclined to pay for re-establishment of the pre-existing trail and such approval may not be received in a time for work to be completed this field season. The location of the pre-existing trail was shown on a map provided by the USFS and sent to the DOGM mine file on October 5, 2011.

Re-establishment of the trail is required by USFS lease agreement and is part of the reclamation required under the existing DOGM mining permit. The ROE for the Permittee was under a SITLA coal lease, not by agreement specific to East Mountain. Therefore, DOGM suggested that the trail work is required under reclamation of the coal mining disturbed and that the trail be re-established along the length of the disturbed road to connect the two ends of the existing trail along the East Mountain ridge.

The trail will be constructed to meet USFS expectations, described below.

Trail Construction:

Bill Broadbear provided information from the USFS Trails Management Handbook Chap 20 Section 23.12 Exhibit 01 on Pack and Saddle design parameters. The trail should be constructed to Class 3 standards, that is 18 – 48 “ wide on native soil. Other specifics such as protrusions, obstacles, grade and pitch are outlined as well. USFS will work closely with the Permittee and their contractor to achieve the desired result.

The trail will be re-established from USFS property to the meadow on SITLA land. From this point on the gentle slope allows hikers to fan out, but cairns will be established to direct hikers/riders to the existing trail on the ridge of East Mountain.

Other access road work:

Remove the red gate and block access to off-highway vehicles with boulders.

Remove “spent” excelsior logs or cut log and scatter excelsior.

Extent of seeding before weather drove the crew off the mountain was unknown at the time of this meeting. (During the site visit the next day it was clear that weather closed the reclamation work before seeding could be accomplished along the length of the road.)

The length of the reclaimed road from the meadow on SITLA to the USFS red gate will be seeded.

Wood straw bales need to be scattered over the seeded reclaimed road.

Bond Release:

DOGM has received a Phase I bond release application for SITLA and DOGM bonds (\$407,275 Total bonding. Amount eligible for release is \$244,365). This application is under review as Task 4136 and will require SITLA approval.

USFS Requirements for bond release on the Special Use Permit (\$38,000) and the Forest Road Maintenance bond (\$125,500) were discussed. Attachment 12 and 14 of Appendix 5-22A of the MRP contain these agreements.

Tom Lloyd indicated that bond held for the Special Use Permit for the access road will be released when achieves 60% cover. The specifics are outlined in the USFS lease conditions of approval of Conditions of Acceptance of Reclamation Work, Item 3. (This document is Attachment 12 of the 5-22A of the MRP.)

The Permittee may apply for bond release from the USFS for both bonds at the same time.

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June 25, 2012, 1 - 3 pm
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Agenda

1. SITLA. The application process for an easement to construct the foot trail.
2. USFS. Trail construction specifications to be used to direct the construction crew.
3. SITLA/USFS/DOGM.

The bond release application process for the three separate bonds held by USFS, SITLA, and DOGM.

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