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**Re: Crandall Canyon Draft Revised Reclamation Plan Preliminary Review**

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Good afternoon PJ,

I will have our review staff take a look at the proposed final reclamation plan. Once folks have a chance to look at it, I think a sit-down to discuss the plan would be a good use of everyone's time before you submit it formally.

Talk to you soon.

Regards,  
Steve

p.s. I have not yet heard back from the Forest on the outfall relocation to the bottom of Crandall Canyon. If I don't hear back from them this week, I'll follow up with them first thing next week.

On Wed, Sep 12, 2018 at 10:06 AM, Jensen, PJ <pjensen@coalsource.com> wrote:

Hi Steve,

Please find attached the draft Revised Reclamation Plan for the Crandall Canyon Mines in Emery County, Utah. As we have discussed, would you please review the plan for any problems or issues prior to our formal submission of the Plan? You will note several revisions in the Chapter 5 text that do not relate to the reclamation plan. These are simple grammatical revisions made during the spell check of the document.

We still need to complete the bonding revisions for this Plan, so that area is not included in this email. We want to be able to include any revisions you or your team may have into those calculations. The bonding calculations will be included in the formal submittal.

This Plan assumes that we have already relocated the mine discharge water outfall to the Huntington Creek at the mouth of Crandall Canyon. The relocation of the UPDES outfall will be addressed in a separate submittal, since we do not have final word from the Forest Service if the discharge into Huntington Creek will be acceptable. It is also assumed that the iron levels have dropped, and the mine water discharge does not require further treatment.

Please let me know if you have any questions or problems with the files.

Thank you for your help and patience.

Have a great day!

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## **CHAPTER 5**

### **ENGINEERING**

#### **5.10 Introduction**

This chapter will present the Operation Plan, Reclamation Plan, Design criteria, and Performance standards which will affect the mining operations of the Crandall Canyon Mine. The facilities and structures have been and/or will be designed in such a way to minimize the potential impacts of mining operations at the mine site.

#### **5.11 General Requirements**

The methods, calculations, maps, plans, and cross-sections pertinent to the operations of the Crandall Canyon Mine Facilities and subsequent reclamation operations are presented in the following sections. These designs are required to comply with the design within the R645-301-500 regulations.

#### **5.12 Certification**

All maps, cross-sections, designs, and plans, as required will be prepared by or under the direction of and certified by a professional engineer or land surveyor.

#### **5.13 Compliance with MSHA Regulations and MSHA Approvals**

As required by MSHA, the surface of the mine site is inspected on a quarterly basis, as mandated by law, and on spot inspections as deemed necessary by the governing agency. All mine openings are inspected on a quarterly basis and/or more often if deemed necessary by MSHA. GENWAL will comply with the requirements of both DOGM and MSHA regarding these facilities.

#### **5.14 Inspections**

All engineering inspections, except those described under R645-301-514.330, will be conducted by a registered professional engineer or other qualified professional specialist under the direction of the professional engineer.

The existing sedimentation pond will be inspected by a professional engineer or a qualified person under the supervision of a professional engineer on an annual basis. The inspection report, see Figure 5-1, will be certified by the professional engineer and be provided to the Division as part of the annual report.

Quarterly inspections will be performed by a qualified person for appearance of structural weakness and other hazardous conditions, as specified in R645-301-330.

### CERTIFICATION REPORT

On \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_, an inspection of GENWAL Resources sedimentation pond number 1 revealed the following:

- A. The pond has been constructed and maintained in accordance with the approved plan.
- B. The pond's embankment appeared sound with no signs of instability or hazardous conditions.
- C. The water evaluation was \_\_\_\_\_ feet. The water depth was \_\_\_\_\_ feet.
- D. The existing storage capacity is \_\_\_\_\_ acre-feet -which is greater than/less than 3.988 acre-feet required by the Mining and Reclamation plan.
- E. The pond is inspected quarterly for signs of structural weakness or problems.
- F. Comments and Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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I have performed the above inspection on this pond to comply with R645-301-514 and do hereby certify the inspection to be a true and accurate representation of the pond at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Figure 5-1. Certification Report Form.



The Sedimentation Pond Inspection Report Form is used to record information from each inspection and is located at the mine site.

## **5.15 Reporting and Emergency Procedures**

### **5.15.10 Reporting a Slope Failure**

At any time a slope failure occurs which may have a potential adverse effect on public, property, health, safety, or the environment, GENWAL will notify the Division promptly of the problem and of any remedial measures planned to correct the problem. If any examination or inspection of the sedimentation pond discloses that a potential hazard exists, the Division will be notified by the fastest available means of the hazards and of the remedial measures to correct such hazards. GENWAL will comply with any remedial measures requested by the Division and agreed upon by the operator.

### **5.15.20 Impoundment Hazards**

If any examination or inspection discloses that a potential hazard exists, GENWAL will promptly inform the Division of the finding and of the emergency procedures formulated for public protection and remedial action. If adequate procedures cannot be formulated or implemented, the Division will be notified immediately.

### **5.15.30 Temporary Cessation**

In the event of a temporary cessation of mining operations, as defined by the Division, GENWAL will notify the Division as soon as possible. GENWAL will effectively support and maintain all surface access openings to the underground operations, and secure surface facilities in areas in which there would be no current operations but operations would resume under an approved permit.

Before temporary cessation of coal mining and reclamation operations for a period of 30 days or more, or as soon as it is known that a temporary cessation will extend beyond 30 days, GENWAL will submit to the Division a notice of intention to cease or abandon operations. This notice will be as required by R645-301-515.321.

## **5.20 Operation Plan**

This section presents the operations plan for the Crandall Canyon Mine.

## 5.21 General

This section presents a description of the plan for operation of the permit area, including descriptions of previously mined and presently mined areas, surface and subsurface facilities, land owner and right-of-way maps, permit area maps, and other feature maps which apply.

### 5.21.11 Previously Mined and Presently Mined Areas

Plates 5-1 and 5-2 show the location and extent of past and present underground mining operations.

### 5.21.12 Existing Surface and Subsurface Facilities and Features

The locations of surface and subsurface man-made features within, passing through, or passing over the proposed permit area are combined on Plates 5-3, 7-5 and 7-5A. Other detailed plans are as shown on Plate 5-4 (In Mine Sump), Plate 2-2 (Top Soil Storage Piles), Plate 5-6 (Truck Loadout Facility), Plate 5-7 (Rock Dust Silo), Plate 5-8 (Electrical Substation), and Plates 7-4A and 7-6A (Sedimentation Pond Details and Cross-Sections).

The design and details for the USFS road within the permit area are shown on Plate 5-19, sheet 5 of 9 (Concrete Turnaround), sheet 6 of 9 (Layout of the USFS road), sheet 7 of 9 (Gabion Wall), sheet 8 of 9 (Rock Wall Details), and sheet 9 (Upper Parking Area).

### 5.21.13 Landowners and Right-of-Entry and Public Interest Maps

The landowners of record, both surface and subsurface, included in or contiguous to the permit area, are shown on Plate 1-1. The permit area on which GENWAL has the legal right to enter is shown on Plate 5-2.

[Appendix Appendices 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5 and 1-13](#) shows the legal right of the applicant to enter and conduct coal mining and reclamation operations, and the measures to be used to ensure that the interests of the public and landowners affected are protected under R645-103-234.

GENWAL has included the entire T 16 S, R 7 E, SW1/4 of section 5 in the permit area. GENWAL owns in fee (surface and coal) the entire SW1/4 of section 5, which was previously known as the Dellenbach property. GENWAL acquired the property from ARCO. Previously, only a small portion of the SW1/4 of section 5 had been included in the permit area. Expansion of the surface facility area requires the inclusion of this fee section within the permit area boundary.

GENWAL is requesting an Incidental Boundary Change in order to mine a long, narrow block of coal adjacent to projected longwall panels in Section 2, T. 16 S., R. 6 E. This block contains about 40,000 tons of federal coal that would not otherwise be mined. An Incidental Boundary Change would allow for maximum recovery of the coal reserves by allowing the longwall setup entire entries and panels to be moved westward but, in no case, would the longwall panels extend into the 22-degree angle projected downward from the surface expression of the Joe's Valley Fault. The amending the amended permit boundary would include approximately 50 acres in T 16 S, R 6 E as the Incidental Boundary Change area. Refer to Plates 1-1 and 5-2 for GENWAL's existing lease area and the Incidental Boundary Change Area. This addition would allow GENWAL to mine additional coal reserves located on the eastern edge of sections 3 and 10 from their proposed underground workings in section 2 thus optimizing the coal reserves in this area. This coal would not be mineable from the west due to the Joe's Valley fault, nor from the north or south because of limited access.

GENWAL will obtain a coal right-of-way (application has been submitted) from the BLM in order to extend the longwall panels up to the western boundary of section 2. By extending the longwall panels to the western edge of section 2, a total of approximately 300,000 additional tons could be mined in this area of the mine. The Incidental Boundary Change area would consist of first mining only. The right-of-way would accommodate the setup rooms and barrier pillars for the longwall panels allowing the panels to be extended to the western boundary of section 2. The legal description for the area included in the Incidental Boundary Change is as follows:

T. 16 S., R. 6 E.	Section 3	E1/2 E1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4	10 acres
		E1/2 E1/2 NE1/4 SE1/4	10 acres
		E1/2 SE1/4 SE1/4	20 acres
	Section 10	NE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4	10 acres
		TOTAL	<u>50 acres</u>

Refer to Plate 5-2 for mine projections in the IBC area.

GENWAL acquired federal lease UTU-78953 (South Crandall tract) on June 2003 (refer to Appendix 5-24 for right of entry information.) Lease UTU-78953 is described as follows:

T. 16 S., R. 7 E.	Section 4	W1/2 SW1/4,	80.00 acres
		S1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4	20.00 acres
	Section 5	SE1/4	160.00 acres
		S1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4	20.00 acres
	Section 8	E1/2	320.00 acres
		NE1/4 NW1/4	40.00 acres
		S1/2 NW1/4	80.00 acres
	Section 9	NW1/4	160.00 acres
		TOTAL	<u>880.00 acres</u>

GENWAL Resources acquired the SITLA/PacifiCorp sublease in February 2004 (Refer to Appendix 1-14 for right-of-entry information.) This sublease is described as follows:

T. 16 S., R. 7 E.	Section 8	NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	40.00 acres
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GENWAL Resources acquired the Nielson Fee Lease in April 2004 (Refer to Appendix 1-15 for right-of-entry information.) This sublease is described as follows:

T. 16 S., R. 7 E.	Section 8	SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	160.00 acres
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It should be noted that throughout this Mining and Reclamation Plan the combined area (1080 acres) of Federal Lease UTU-78953, the SITLA/PacifiCorp sublease and the Nielson Fee Lease is are collectively referred to as the South Crandall lease area, the South Crandall tract, the South Crandall mining area and other similar terms.

GENWAL Resources acquired the modification of Federal Lease U-68082 in February, 2005. (Refer to Appendix 1-15 for right of entry information.) This modification is described as follows:

T.15S., R. 7 E.	Section 32	W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	80.00 acres
		NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	<u>40.00 acres</u>
		Total	120.00 acres

The Forest Service and GENWAL have agreed to than an arrangement whereby a certain portion of the trailhead parking lot can be utilized for GENWAL employee parking under the terms of the existing special use permit. To facilitate the flow of public traffic in and out of the trailhead, GENWAL will construct a barricaded exit from the trailhead out through the existing material storage area. This exit will be kept clear of materials, supplies, vehicles and all other potential obstructions so that the public will have unimpeded egress from the trailhead parking area at all times. Employee parking will be restricted to those designated areas as shown on the drawing in Appendix 5-26, so that a 30' wide area along the perimeter of the parking lot is maintained for public parking and run-around. Within this perimeter parking area no employee parking will be allowed. Signs will be installed to delineate the appropriate designated parking areas. Under the terms of the existing Forest Service special use permit GENWAL will continue to utilize the perimeter area of parking lot for snow storage during the winter months when the public no longer uses the trailhead.

To provide for better utilization of this area the trailhead will be expanded slightly, by less than 0.01 acres, by removing an irregular part of the bank at the upper end of the lot. (Refer to Appendix 5-26). Within this area of excavation topsoil will be salvaged and stockpiled in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. A minimum of 24" of topsoil/subsoil will be salvaged and stored at topsoil pile #4 located at the mouth of Crandall Canyon. A minimum of 32 cubic yards of topsoil material will be salvaged from this bank. Any additional material below the top 24" which, based on visual observation, appears to be suitable growth medium will also be salvaged. Once this additional topsoil material has been placed on the existing storage pile, it will be re-vegetated as

required by the Forest Service special use permit. The newly created slope-bank at the tTrailhead will be re-seeded with a final-reclamation seed mix, exclusive of any clover and/or alfalfa.

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#### **5.21.14 Mine Maps and Permit Area Maps**

Plate 1-1 shows leases of the existing permit area (including the South Crandall lease area and the U-68082 lease mod area) and defines the Incidental Boundary Change area. Plate 5-2 shows the boundaries of all areas affected by mining operations, including the proposed underground workings within the IBC area. Plate 5-3 shows the disturbed surface area within the permit area including the culvert expansion. The location and extent of potential subsidence is shown on Plate 6-2.

#### **5.21.15 Land Surface Configuration Maps**

Topographic maps used by GENWAL to depict surface contours within the permit area are represented on Plate 5-3.

#### **5.21.16 Maps and Cross-Sections of the Features and Proposed Features**

Maps produced by GENWAL show the facilities, disturbed area, disturbed area boundary, (Plate 5-3), explosive storage (there is no explosive storage on the surface), and point source discharges (Plate 7-5). These maps are located within this application.

#### **5.21.17 Transportation Facilities Maps**

This application describes each road and conveyor system to be constructed and used by the applicant as required by R645-301-527. Maps supporting this section include Plates 5-3, 5-6, 5-10, 5-19, 7-5, 7-5A, and 7-5C.

#### **5.21.18 Support Facilities**

Drawings showing support facilities are located on Plates 5-3, 5-6, 5-7, 5-8, 5-18, 7-5, 7-5A, and 7-5C.

#### **5.21.20 Signs and Markers**

Signs and Markers are posted, maintained, and removed by the operator; will be of uniform design that can be easily seen and read, be made of durable material, and conform to local laws and regulations, and be maintained during all activities to which they pertain. Identification signs will be placed, maintained, and marked in accordance with R645-301-243.

#### **5.21.24 Mine and Permit Identification Signs**

Mine and permit identification signs will be displayed in accordance with R645-301-521.240 through R645-301-521.244.

### **5.21.25 Perimeter Markers**

The perimeter of all areas affected by surface operations or facilities are or will be clearly marked.

### **5.21.26 Buffer Zone Markers**

Signs which have been or will be erected for buffer Zones as required by R645-301-731.600 will be clearly marked.

### **5.21.27 Topsoil Markers**

Markers have been and will be erected to mark where topsoil or other vegetation-supporting material is stockpiled as required under R645-301-234.

## **5.22 Coal Recovery**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Utah State Division of Natural Resources govern the conservation and royalty payments of the coal located within GENWAL's proposed permit boundary. Mining plans must be approved by the BLM before mining can occur within the new area. A Resource Recovery Protection Plan (R2P2) is currently on file with the BLM and all federal coal will be mined in accordance with the R2P2 to ensure the diligent development and extraction of all mineable coal. (See Appendix 5-24 and Appendix 5-24A)

The lower Blackhawk Formation of the Wasatch Plateau is known to contain two mineable seams in this general area. These two seams are locally referred to as the Hiawatha and Blind Canyon (lower and upper coal respectively) seams. Drilling which began in March of 1985, and has since concluded, revealed that the upper seam is not of mineable thickness in previous Lease Area. In the South Crandall lease area both seams are mineable. In the U-68082 lease mod area only the Hiawatha seam is mineable.

In the State lease (M-21568) GENWAL has committed to drilling 150 foot "up-holes" every half-mile in the mains prior to second mining. Installation of the 150 foot up-holes will allow for location and evaluation of the overlying seams for coal production. Mine development plans for the upper seam will be developed and submitted for approval if the horizontal extent and mining conditions make mining the upper seam economically feasible. The BLM has determined the upper seam is not mineable and during 1985, approval was given by both the BLM and the Division to commence pillaring of the lower seam.

GENWAL will mine from rock to rock in areas where coal is less than 8' thick and geologic conditions allow. However, in areas where the top is poorly consolidated (i.e., shale partings are present with laminae of carboniferous materials with slickensides) and the roof is not self-supporting, coal top may be left. In addition, on development only, in areas where the coal is more

than 8' thick, coal top or bottom may be left. Within the physical limitations of the mining equipment retreat coal will be mined rock-to-rock in order to maximize resource recovery.

GENWAL has found that in areas of the mine, cutting coal higher than 8' on development results in excess rib sloughage, exposing miners to unnecessary dangers. GENWAL has found that width to height (w/h) ratios lower than 5.6 results in large slabs (2' - 3' thick and 8' high) separating from pillars and sliding or rotating into the entry. These slabs cause an immediate safety hazard to personnel working or traveling in the area and may be classified as accumulations by MSHA. Cleaning up the slabs results in more slabs sloughing which reduces the size of the pillar and results in entries that are wider than legally allowed. For these reasons, GENWAL may not cut higher than 8' on development. Although maximum recovery is an important design criteria, other considerations must be looked at in the final analysis in the extraction of coal. These factors consider the insurance of protection of personnel and the environment. Coal reserves will not be recovered in the following areas:

1. Areas where the coal thickness is less than 5'. Mining below this height is not feasible under current economic conditions.
2. Solid coal barriers will be left to protect main entries from mined out panels and to guarantee stability of the main entries for the life of the mine.
3. Solid coal barriers will be left between particular panels for roof and floor protection.
4. When extreme hazardous conditions exist, and personnel safety is compromised, coal extraction could then be terminated in that area of concern.
5. Coal will only partially be recovered in areas under existing perennial streams within the specified angle of draw with the consent of the Forest Service and approval by the Division. Expected recovery at GENWAL is predicted to be 80% in panels and 60% overall.
6. In areas of development in coal height of 8' or greater, top and/or bottom coal may be left.
7. In panels where the coal height exceeds the effective mining height of the mining equipment, including longwall equipment, either top or bottom coal will be left.

Mining in the South Crandall lease area will be done in accordance with the approved Resource Recover and Protection Plan (R2P2) (See Appendix 5-24). This plan was recommended for approval by the BLM on Nov. 12, 2004. This plan states that full extraction mining (i.e., longwall mining) is not authorized in panels BC-4 and HIA-5 in areas with less than 600' overburden unless it can be determined that these areas can be mined without adverse impacts to the Little Bear Canyon

municipal watershed. Final approval of full extraction mining in these panes will be addressed as a modification to the approved R2P2. Multiple seam mining beyond spring site LB-7 in Little Bear Canyon is contingent upon a monitoring plan approved by the Division in concurrence with the Forest Service at least two years prior to mining in that area.

Maps 5-2 (BC) and 5-2 (H) and Appendix 7-63 show the areas with less than 600' cover affected by this R2P2 condition. These maps show which areas are planned for longwall mining and which areas are planned to be mined with continuous miner units.

According to stipulation #17 of Federal Lease UTU-78953 (see App. 1-13) the Castle Valley Special Service District water treatment plant (constructed as water replacement for Little Bear Spring) must be operational prior to mining in the following areas:

- Mill Fork Graben - Area within 1,000 feet of the southeast corner of the lease in Section 8 (corner of Sections 8, 9, 17, and 16 in T. 16 S., R. 7 E., SLM).
- North of Little Bear Spring (possible water-bearing fracture system) - Area within 1,000 feet of the southern boundary of the lease in Section 9, T. 16 S., R. 7 E., SLM).

It should be noted that under the currently approved R2P2 there is no mining being proposed in either of these areas. The water treatment plant is scheduled for completion in January 2005.

### 5.23 Mining Methods

GENWAL will use both Room and Pillar and longwall mining methods for coal production. Projected mine development is depicted on Plate 5-2. In general, room and pillar development mining will be accomplished using continuous mining methods. Retreat mining will use longwall mining and room and pillar methods. The mine plan has been developed to maximize coal recovery in an economical manner.

Second (recovery) mining by continuous miner will occur in those areas which are not longwall mined (Plate 5-2) and will be done in accordance with the approved MSHA roof control plan. Specifically, in areas where long-wall panels cannot be installed due to the presence of stream buffer protection zones or in perimeter areas with irregular boundaries, room and pillar methods will be utilized to maximize coal recovery and still maintain regard for environmental and safety concerns listed in Section 5.22 above. All pillars in the mine, with the exception of barrier pillars or other pillars needed to protect the outcrop, will be fully extracted. However, safety or economic reasons may dictate some pillars or partial pillars remain in place. Pillars used to protect mains, submains, and fire breaks will be left until final retreat or when they serve no useful purpose.

Mining in the Incidental Boundary Change area will consist primarily of longwall gateroads, setup rooms and barrier pillars. (No room and pillar mining will be conducted in the Incidental Boundary Change Area or adjacent areas.) First mining will be done with continuous miners. The longwall entries will be extended to the west but in no case will they extend past the 22-degree angle of draw projected from the surface expression of the Joes's Valley Fault. No pillars will be removed during mining in the Incidental Boundary Change area and consequently, no subsidence will occur. No surface disturbance or breakouts will occur within the Incidental Boundary Change area. Refer to Plate 5-2.

When mining in the longwall gate entry nears the fault (between 200-300 feet away) an underground drill will be used to drill west toward the fault to determine its location. The drill will drill horizontally toward the fault up to 50 feet ahead of the entry face. If the fault is not encountered, the continuous miner will advance about 30-40 feet toward the fault, leaving at least 10 feet of coal between the entry and the end of the hole. The drill will again drill ahead. This sequence will continue until either water or fault gouge is encountered in the hole or the entry has been developed to its maximum extent (providing no fault was detected). If the fault is encountered prior to reaching the bleeder entries, then mining will stop and the bleeder entries will be relocated. At least 10 feet of solid coal will be left between the face of the entry and the fault. GENWAL will notify the Forest Service and DOGM if substantial water is produced from the drill holes or the fault. Any appreciable outflow from the fault will be monitored.

At least one horizontal hole will be drilled in the headgate and tailgate of each panel. Should water be encountered by the drill hole, the hole would be evaluated. If flow is low to moderate and the flow rate diminishes, drilling would be re-initiated. However, if the flow is high (greater than

50 gallons per minute) and the end of the hole close to the fault, the hole would immediately be plugged and entry development would stop at least 10 feet from the end of the hole.

Although large amounts of water and high pressure have not been previously encountered by mining near the fault, an emergency plan to handle water inundation from the fault has been developed. The plan consists of the following actions:

1. Pull equipment back from face
2. Erect two Kennedy stoppings at least 2 feet apart
3. Place appropriate sized de-water pipe w/valve at bottom of stoppings
4. Pump quick drying cement into the space between the stopping
5. After minimum drying time, close water valve

#### **5.23.10 Mining Operation**

The mine was developed in an area of old works in the Hiawatha seam. Coal was produced from this operation during the period of 1940 through 1955 and was sold locally for domestic use. Certain sections of the old-mine were reopened so that water sumps, ventilation, and coal haulage facilities were re-established. Plate 5-2 illustrates the manner in which the old workings were modified and repaired in order to bring them into compliance with current regulations and the overall mining plans of GENWAL.

Where necessary, the old workings were widened to accommodate a 48-inch coal haulage conveyor. Proper roof supports were placed in areas where questionable roof control conditions were encountered.

The mining operations have accessed the Hiawatha seam by drifting into the seam from the coal outcrop. The portal area for the Hiawatha seam has three entries: one intake ventilation entry, which will also serve as a haulage route, one neutral coal haulage conveyor entry, and one return airway. The portal access area for the mine has the necessary surface support items such as a ventilation fan, conveyor belt drive, power, etc.

#### **5.23.20 Mining History**

The Hiawatha seam, is the only seam to be mined on the leases, has an average thickness of 7.5 feet. The coal heights encountered range from 5.5 to 11 feet except in the sandstone roll area

which is approximately 4.5' high as shown on Plate 6-2. The coal within the permit area is high volatile bituminous. The seam will be accessed at an elevation of 7895 feet. The old works in the Hiawatha seam are accessible and it appears that the immediate roof is a competent sandstone, with bedding ranging from laminated to massive, interrupted by an occasional shale-siltstone lenses varying in thickness from approximately six-inches to two-feet. Roof falls in the old works are confined to the siltstone lenses, and where observed, are usually at intersections of rooms and entries. Falls are generally over the width of the opening extending rib to rib and less than 2-feet thick. The historic mine development plans for the Hiawatha seam are illustrated on Plate 5-2.

Mining was completed in lease ML-21569 as shown Plate 5-2. 1st North, a four-entry system with 100' X 60' pillars, has been developed off Main West and runs up the eastern side to the northern boundary of the lease, while 1st Right, a five-entry system with 100' X 50' pillars, has been developed up the western side to the northern boundary of the lease. 1st North was used as mains for development of pillar sections 1st Left through 9th Left while 1st Right was used as the bleeder for these pillar sections. 1st Left through 9th Left sections have been developed and pillared. 1st North, 1st Right, and Main West will not be retreat mined. These three sections will be left intact to be used as mains in future mining. Typical entry width is 20' wide.

Lease UTU-68082 has been accessed to the east by the use of the 1st North Submains. First (1st) Right through 4th Right have been developed and 2nd mined while 5th, 6th, and 7th Right (longwall gates) still need to be developed to accommodate 6th and 7th Right longwall panels.

GENWAL attempted to access Sections 25 and 30 of Lease UTU-68082 from 1st North section and 1st Right pillar section. This attempt failed due to low coal height. Isopachs show better coal height on the north and west side of Lease UTU-68082. This area will be accessed through Main West by the development of gates for longwall mining.

Lease UTU-68082, sections 26 and 35, will be accessed by the use of the Main West section. Main West will be developed to the west through Section 35. Longwall panels will be developed north off Main West as shown on Plate 5-2.

Lease ML-21568 has been accessed from Main West by a five-entry system (South Mains) which extends southward from the Main West Section along the eastern edge of the lease as shown on Plate 5-2. A five-entry bleeder system, 2nd South Bleeder, will be developed in conjunction with the longwall panels (Plate 5-2). Longwall mining will commence with 1st Right South longwall panel and end with the 5th Right South longwall panel and will be accessed from South Mains.

Lease UTU-68082 in Section 1 and 6 will be accessed by the use of the South Mains developed in State Lease ML-21568. Sections 1st Left South through 11th Left South will be developed in that order with the bleeder be developed in conjunction with each section. One longwall panel will be pulled on the east side of South Mains between 1st and 2nd Left South sections (Plate 5-2). 3rd through 11th Left South sections will be room and pillar sections.

GENWAL has made application to the BLM for a right-of-way in order to access federal coal reserves in sections 3 and 10, T. 16 S., R. 6 E. This Incidental Boundary Change application is for a 50-acre modification to the existing permit boundary.

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### 5.23.3 Underground Equipment

Typical mining equipment used in this area will be employed to mine coal in this permit area. Two continuous miners will be employed to mine coal in this lease area. The following is a list of equipment, or equivalent, that may be utilized underground and on the surface as required:

Joy Miners (2) 12 cm 12 (5.5 - 11.5' cutting height)

Roof Bolters (2)

HDDR 13 Fletcher (Min. 6' operating height) (2)

TD143 Lee Norse

Feeder Breakers (2) Stamler 54" (1) Long Airdox 118"

Battery powered scoops and face haulage

Various Electrical Equipment

Long Airdox continuous haulage system

Stamler continuous haulage system

The Longwall System will include:

4LS-2 Joy Longwall Shearer

Kloeckner-Becorit Shields (effective 5-7' height) H & B pan line

H & B head and tail drives

American Longwall Stage loader

Appurtenant pumps

Diesel shield haulers

Other appurtenant equipment as needed.

### 5.23.4 Geotechnical

Within the projected mining area, conclusions from existing drill hole data (see Appendix 6-5) and from BLM databases excludes the possibility of multiple mineable seams being present. The coal seam to be mined on the GENWAL leases occurs in the lower part of the Blackhawk Formation. The Formation is comprised of comprises approximately 1000 feet of gray carbonaceous shales, siltstones, coals, and interbedded sandstones of late Cretaceous age. The Star Point Sandstone, a massive cliff forming 700 to 900 foot thick sandstone unit, underlies the Blackhawk Formation and its top serves as a useful lithologic landmark in the area.

An isopach map of the Hiawatha coal seam overburden appears in Plate 6-6. Overburden thickness above the area to be mined in the permit area ranges from 750' to 2400'. Coal pillar height ranges from 5' to 10' in the permit area. A uniaxial compressive strength of 2400 psi (geomechanical tests, Appendix 5-1) was used in the pillar safety factor calculations.

The formations in the physiographic area dip gently 1 to 3 degrees westward off the west flank of the San Rafael Swell. However, locally the mine is relatively flat experiencing a 0 to 2 degree dip to the southeast. The regional structure is broken by several north-south trending, high angle normal faults which offset the lithologic units from less than 1 foot to 250 feet or more. No faults are projected to be encountered within the proposed mine development area.

### **5.23.5 Initial Pillar Design**

Methods used to evaluate safety factors of the pillar design are discussed in Appendix 5-2. Current data indicate that minimum acceptable safety factors range from 1.5 to 2.5. Calculations of previous pillar safety factors are found in Appendix 5-3. Lease ML-21568 pillar safety factors for rooms and main entries ranged from 1.37 to 1.96 and 1.39 to 2.45 respectively. Pillar safety factors for rooms and main entryways in Lease ML-21569 range from 1.47 to 2.45 and 1.78 to 4.37, respectively.

As the ratio of pillar length to height approaches 12, pillars are regarded as being able to bear and load. The pillar recovery plan currently approved by MSHA, DOGM, and the USFS was designed by GENWAL employees with the aid of MSHA Technical Support in Denver and information in a technical report "Coal Pillar Sizing, GENWAL Mine" prepared by Mr. Dan W. Guy of Blackhawk Engineering Co. on 10-1-84. The purpose of the Blackhawk Engineering Report was to evaluate the use of 60' x 60' centers on the entries and rooms during panel development.

### 5.23.5 Revised Pillar Design

Because pillar sloughage did not develop as had been previously calculated, a new pillar design study was undertaken to determine more precisely the existing site conditions. Using values obtained from the above studies, coupled with the new Seratta studies, and 10 years of mining experience at the Crandall Canyon Mine, a new pillar design was determined. The new data conclude that safety factors alone are not adequate for sizing pillars and that site specific overburden conditions must be considered. The table located on page 29 in Appendix 5-2 present the new factors of safety developed for pillar size and overburden thickness.

Roof span design is derived from the accepted practice in the Wasatch Plateau of 20 foot entry and crosscut widths. Previous experience in the Crandall Canyon and nearby mines have supported this roof span width. Roof spans in Leases ML-21568 and ML-21569 is are 20 feet in entries and crosscuts. Roof support bolting will consist of a minimum 4 foot resin pins with 5 foot centers during development of each section with the exception of the right-of-way UTU-66838. This lease has roof support consisting of a minimum of 4 foot resin pins with 4 foot centers. The floor of the coal seam grades from a clayey shale less than one foot thick to massive sandstone.

### 5.23.6 Barrier Perimeters

The barrier pillar around the perimeter of the property has been designed according to Utah mining regulations which is based upon the following formula:

$$\text{Width} = 2 * \text{coal thickness of coal to be extracted in feet} + 5 * \text{overburden thickness in feet} / 100 + 10'$$

The perimeter pillar is shown on Plate 5-2. The following selected points were used to establish the pillar size at various locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Overburden</u>	<u>Barrier</u>	<u>Coal Height</u>
1. Southwest Corner Tract 1	550 feet	50 feet	6 feet
2. Northwest Corner Tract 2	1550 feet	100 feet	6 feet
3. Western Boundary (Max.)	1700 feet	108 feet	6 feet
4. Northwest Corner U-054762	1500 feet	97 feet	6 feet

### **5.23.7 Annual Production of Coal**

Annual coal production in 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 was 877,500, 1,178,089, 1,474,824 and 1,660,900 raw tons, respectively. During 1993-1995 total production tonnage was approximately 1,750,000 raw tons annually. This production was achieved by the use of continuous mining machines, continuous haulage equipment, and/or diesel driven coal haulers. From 1995 to the end of the century total production coal tonnage is forecasted to be 2,500,000 tons, with the aid of longwall mining.

### **5.23.8 Access to Future Reserves**

Access to future reserves will be maintained by the North Mains entries, Main West entries, 1st North, and 1st Right sections. North Mains will maintain access to the mine as well as Main West. Main West will also maintain access to the west and to the South. 1st North will maintain access to the north and east, while 1st Right will maintain access to the north and west. (See Plate 5-2 and page 5-15A). Access to federal coal south and east of the Dellanback fee parcel (i.e., the South Crandall LBA) will be maintained.

### **5.23.9 Projected Mining by Future Permit for the Planned Life of the Mine**

All coal around the permit area has the potential for future mining by the Crandall Canyon Mine. The projected mining for the Incidental Boundary Change area, the Dellanback fee parcel, and the South Crandall lease area is shown on Plate 5-2.

#### **Operating Schedule and Employment**

The mine employees approximately 125 people at present. The mine will operate four eight -hour production shifts per day, five days a week. Two maintenance crews will operate 8 hours a day, five days a week, to accommodate rockdusting and general cleanup of the mine. When market or mining conditions dictate, production can be expanded to seven days per week, 52 weeks per year.

### **5.23.10 Safety Training**

The mine is equipped with modern emergency facilities and has an organized safety program. All mine employees are required to meet MSHA first aid and safety training requirements. Visitors are required basic training before entering the mine.

### **5.23.11 Fire Protection**

Fire protection will be maintained in accordance with all Federal and State regulations pertaining to coal mining operations. Additionally the fire prevention plan can be found in Appendix 5-18.

### **5.23.12 Water Systems, Dust Suppression, Dewatering, and Electrical**

The sump areas, as shown on Plate 5-4, will have a capacity of approximately 3.0 acre feet of water. The impoundment walls are constructed of concrete blocks with mortared joints and sealed on both sides. All the contact areas around the walls are sealed with concrete to prevent seepage. These sumps are constructed to allow the sediment to settle out and have an oil skimmer installed, as shown on Plate 5-4, to allow the water to be pumped directly to Crandall Creek under a UPDES permit. All water pumped to Crandall Creek will meet all effluent limitations and will be sampled in accordance with the UPDES permit requirements. Refer to Plate 5-3 for the location of the UPDES discharge point.

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## 5.24 Blasting

There are no structures or dwellings within one mile of the mine permit area; there are no residents within one half mile of the blasting site.

All surface blasting will be done under the direction of a person trained, examined and certified as provided for under the R645 coal rules, Section 105, which is regulated by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

The use of explosives will be done in accordance with R645-31-524 and all applicable Federal laws for storage and use.

All records as required in R645-301-524.700 will be kept at the mine site or at the office for a period of at least three years.

GENWAL will post blasting signs, in accordance with R645-301-524.510, 511 and 512, that is along the edge of any blasting area that is within 100 feet of any public road and at the point where any other road provides access to the blasting area, as well as at all entrances to the permit area from public roads.

GENWAL will control access to the area immediately prior to and after the blast until the certified blaster determines all is clear according to R645 524.531 and 532.

Signals, audible within a half mile, will be given prior to and after the blast as outlined in R645-301-465 and according to the posted sign containing a description of the signals.

All surface blasting will be done between sunrise and sunset, unless other criteria isare met in R645-301-524.420. Blasting will be done so as no fly rock will leave the permit area, where practical. Netting or other protective means will be used to achieve this where there exists a possibility of this occurrence. Flyrock traveling in the air or along the ground will not be cast from the blasting site more than ½ the distance to the nearest occupied structure; beyond the area of control required under R645-301-524.530.

For blasts that require more than 5 pounds of explosives, GENWAL will publish a schedule of the blasts and submit a blasting plan to the Division for approval. The blasting plans will be included in Appendix 5-23A.

## 5.25 Subsidence

The term "subsidence" applies to the deformation or movement in the overburden. The thickness of the overburden ranges from zero at the outcrop to approximately 2400 feet, as shown on Plate 6-2. In general, the strength of the overburden is typical of the late Cretaceous sediments being mined in Eastern Utah and Western Colorado. However, it should be noted that the overburden at the Crandall Canyon mine has substantially more massive sandstones than in other areas (i.e., the Deer Creek Mine). Thus, providing greater overburden strengths and reducing the potential for significant subsidence.

Four methods have been utilized to arrive at the range of the possible maximum subsidence at the Crandall Canyon Mine. The methods are: Dunrud's (USGS) equation (discussed in the text below); Boundary Element Method (BEM) using "TABEX-2D" and a Finite Element Mathematical (FEM) simulation using "ANSYS (Appendix 5-6); and the National Coal Board (NCB) of England Technique (Appendix 5-6). The amount of subsidence varies from 3.9', 5.5', 3.34', and 0.25', respectively. Experience at the mine indicates that the 0.25' range of subsidence most accurately represents specific site conditions under room and pillar conditions and the projected maximum of 3.34' under longwall conditions.

The magnitude of vertical subsidence is a function of coal height, overburden depth, stratigraphy, mining technique, and distance from barrier pillars. According to Dunrud's work completed in 1980, based upon a study of subsidence in an underground coal mine at Somerset, Colorado, (USGS 1980), the maximum amount of subsidence expected is equal to 70% of the coal height extracted, (Figure 5-4). The Somerset subsidence curves are included because the overburden characteristics are similar to those encountered at Crandall Canyon and the lack of reported data indicating amounts of subsidence for western underground coal mines.

The maximum subsidence experienced for western coal mines according to Peng, ranges from 33 to 65% and Gentry and Abel cited examples of 70% of the coal height extracted. Thus, to be conservative, a 70% value will be used within this report. The maximum value may be reduced by the amount of coal not recovered in the mining areas, i.e., 20% of the coal is expected to be unrecoverable in the pillared areas at the Crandall Canyon Mine and approximately 12% for the longwall areas. For the areas near an unmined solid pillar the maximum amount of subsidence is reduced (irrespective of the mining method) according to the graph shown in Figure 5-5 based upon work by Gentry and Abel.

The largest magnitude of subsidence that may occur is 3.9 feet at a point 40 feet east of the section line between Sections 5 and 6 and 1522 feet south of the section line between Sections 32 and 5. The values were calculated by reducing the coal heights shown on Plated 5-2 by 20% which represents the unrecoverable coal in the pillared areas (using a six foot coal height), then multiplying by 70% to obtain the maximum possible subsidence value from Figure 5-4 which assumes a worse case scenario. The subsidence values were reduced according to Figure 5-5 for areas that border a barrier pillar along the perimeter of the lease shown on Plate 5-2.

Horizontal movement which would create slope failure along the escarpment is not expected to occur due to subsidence because only limited coal outcrop occurs within the lease (the east side of the lease area). Within that area of old works no pillar extraction is anticipated.

As with areas in the western part of lease SL-062648 and at the Co-Op's Trail Canyon and Bear Canyon Mines and the Beaver Creek #4 mine, no escarpment failure has occurred. Horizontal movement creating tension or compression cracks ~~can not~~cannot be projected due to the overburden thickness and lack of jointing density and attitude data along the surface rock exposures.

In addition, GENWAL will second mine no closer than 200 feet to any outcrop (with the exception of portals) and, in accordance with Forest Service Stipulation #20, no mining will be done within a zone that might impact the Joe's Valley Fault. This area is determined by a 22-degree angle-of-draw (from vertical) eastward from the surface expression of the Joe's Valley Fault was used to project the outer limits of subsidence. Thus, subsidence will not intercept the Joe's Valley Fault. If subsidence does occur along the western perimeter, all effects of the subsidence will be maintained within the mining permit boundary. No perennial streams will be affected. On the Dellenbach fee tract mining will not extend closer than 200 feet from the outcrop (other than portals) and no closer than 50 feet from the property boundaries. It should be noted that the mine projections and timing for the Dellenbach tract, and the South Crandall lease and the U-68082 lease mod area are shown on Plate 5-2.

It is accepted practice in this area to use two sources of information for subsidence evaluation. The sources are: 1) "Some Engineering Geologic Factors Controlling Coal Mine Subsidence in Utah and Colorado", Geologic Survey Professional Paper 969, by C. Richard Dunrud, 1976, and 2) "SME Mining Engineering Handbook", Volume 1, by Arthur B. Cummins and Ivan A. Given, 1973. The conclusions based upon the above source material are tempered by on site evaluation and actual experience based on similar mining conditions in late Cretaceous overburdens with similar thicknesses and strengths. The surface area topography within the lease is shown on Plate 3-1, 3-1a, 1-1 and others. The topographic map shows the relative steep sloping sides of the canyons which contains Crandall Canyon Creek, Blind Canyon Creek, and Horse Canyon Creek where rock outcrops are abundant. However, there are few, if any, talus slopes.

#### **5.25.10 Subsidence Control Plan**

The Subsidence Control Plan contained herein addresses specifically those items that are required by R645-301-525 Pertaining to Subsidence. This plan is an amendment to the original application filed on December 17, 1980, by GENWAL the SUBSIDENCE CONTROL PLAN FOR GENWAL COAL COMPANY, INC., as prepared by David A. Skidmore and L. G. Manwaring of Coal Systems Inc., on August 28, 1981; and the Mid-term permit revisions dated 5-30-86. The format of the currently approved COAL SYSTEMS report will be used with the conclusions based upon the results of the drilling of the Blind Canyon seam which was obtained in April, 1985, and the Hiawatha seam data obtained to date during mine development. The original application was submitted pursuant to the following: Title 40, Chapter 10, Utah Code Annotated, 1943, as amended,

the "Cooperative Agreement between the United States Department of Interior and the State of Utah"; the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (P. L. 95-87); and all regulations promulgated under those Acts affecting mining operation conducted in the State of Utah.

It should be noted that, according to the stipulations of federal lease UTU-78953, there will be no second mining or subsidence under Little Bear Creek within the South Crandall lease area.

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### **Surface Features and Facilities Subject to Subsidence.**

An examination of the surface area as well as of state, federal, and county records indicate there are no ~~man-made~~manmade structures, utilities ~~right-of-ways~~ rights-of-way and public or private resources necessitating protection from subsidence (Plates 5-12, 5-13, and 5-3) within the mine permit boundaries. In addition, aerial inspection of the permit and adjacent area confirmed the absence of existing ~~man-~~made structures. The occurrence of subsidence will not produce material damage or diminution of value of properties or foreseeable use of lands. Possible effects of mine subsidence on groundwater resources are discussed in Chapter 7. Creeks within the area include Crandall Canyon Creek, Blind Canyon Creek, and the left fork of Horse Canyon. Both forks of Crandall Creek are considered to be perennial at least up to the federal lease boundary with State Lease ML-21568.

The surface in the area is controlled and administered by the United States Forest Service with a small southern parcel of land owned by GENWAL (Plate 2-1). The land is used for domestic grazing in the areas of gentle slope and wildlife habitat and recreation over the total acreage. The vegetative resources will not be negatively impacted by subsidence. Thus, the current land use is expected to continue. Similar mining conditions and practices exist at Beaver Creek #4 Mine and CO-OP's Trail Canyon and Bear Creek mines and no significant loss of vegetation has occurred at those sites.

The Crandall Canyon Mine on the western half of lease SL-062648 has experienced second mining under conditions similar to Huntington Canyon and has not experienced any vegetation change, subsidence or escarpment failure. Visual impact will only be observed in the case of a total escarpment failure. Tension cracks, if any do develop, as viewed from the bottom of the canyons will not be visible and the maximum subsidence of three feet when viewed from below and at a distance of greater than ½ mile will not be visible. As per the USFS, there is no marketable timber in the area of potential subsidence.

Since the original submittal, several operations and construction modifications have been submitted to satisfy regulatory compliance requirements. Consideration was given to the subsidence experienced at nearby mines (CO-OP, Beaver Creek #4) exhibiting similar overburden composition and mining methods, on site inspections at the operating Crandall Canyon, CO-OP and Beaver Creek #4 mines and calculation based upon ~~a~~ generally accepted formulas using limited physical coal strength data in determining coal pillar sizes, barrier pillar design and direction of mining. The aforementioned mines were observed from the surface to note any surface effects from subsidence from pillar mining. No substantial ~~affects~~effects from mining have been observed. The Crandall

Canyon Mine has pillared coal in areas with as little cover as approximately 200' of overburden. The CO-OP

and Beaver Creek #4 mines have pillared under the same types of escarpments as are located at the Crandall Canyon Mine with no apparent failures.

#### **5.25.11 Methods of Coal Removal**

The reserve area will be mined in the room and pillar and longwall methods. These methods are described in Section 5.23 of this chapter.

#### **5.25.12 Description of Physical Conditions**

The depth of cover is shown on Figure 6-6. Seam thickness of the Hiawatha coal seam is shown on Plate 6-3. The Bear Canyon and Blind Canyon seam thicknesses are shown on Plates 6-4 and 6-5). Structure of the top of the Hiawatha seam is shown on Figure 5-8. A description of the Lithology of the area is found in appendix 6-6. Other mine progress, interval, subsidence, and lithologic maps within this section and in the mine planning section also address the description of physical conditions.

#### **5.25.13 Measures to Prevent Subsidence**

In areas where mining may cause undesirable surface movement, steps will be taken to control or prevent subsidence. To prevent subsidence, permanent support can be achieved by selectively mining certain areas, leaving support pillars of coal, and/or by not mining specific areas. Although planned subsidence is not projected outside of the permit area due to the mining of the Hiawatha coal seam within the area of the Crandall Canyon Mine, potential subsidence may occur within areas of retreat mining sections.

The main objectives are to delineate the areas within the lease and adjacent lands that may be affected by subsidence and to determine the extent of the disturbance. Significant guiding design criteria are as follows:

1. Barrier pillars within the lease boundaries left intact to protect adjacent lands.
2. First mining only areas which significantly reduces the potential chances of subsidence.
3. Research indicates that a 20-degree "angle of draw" be used to project maximum extent of subsidence.

A 20-degree angle-of-draw was used to project a protection area for perennial streams within the mining area. The 20-degree angle was determined by two documents which show this angle of draw to be representative of the area. A Bureau of Land Management letter to the Utah State Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining dated Dec. 11, 1991 states that possible draw angle should be in the 15 to 20 degree range. This conclusion was made on previous history of subsidence occurring in the Wasatch Plateau/Book Cliffs area. This letter is provided as Appendix 5-5.

Appendix 5-6 is a report, "Preliminary Study of Potential Subsidence Over the GENWAL Coal Mine." This report includes subsidence calculations, subsidence history, analysis, and charts with final conclusions showing that there may be a maximum subsidence result of 3 to 4 inches within the boundaries of the leased area, and the angle of draw is expected to be approximately 20 degrees.

4. Protection of perennial streams using only first mining directly under and within a 20-degree angle of draw of the stream. GENWAL recognizes that the Division of Wildlife Resources, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, and the United States Forest Service consider all perennial streams to be important to wildlife. A buffer zone is shown on Plate 5-2 where no subsidence will take place until GENWAL has delineated those reaches which exhibit perennial flow, and shown that mining activity will not adversely ~~effect~~ affect these stream reaches.
5. Protection of the Joe's Valley Fault. As depicted on Plate 6-2, the maximum possible subsidence with respect to a 22-degree angle of draw is within the permit area. As shown on Plate 5-2, Mining Projections, all mining will occur within the permit boundary. No mining will be done within limits that might impact the Joe's Valley Fault. In accordance with Forest Service Stipulation #20, a 22-degree angle-of-draw (from vertical) eastward from the surface expression of the Joe's Valley Fault was used to project the outer limits of subsidence.
6. There are no plans to backfill any area of the mine with waste material in order to reduce subsidence. In order to delineate the maximum limit of possible subsidence in the vicinity of the Crandall Canyon Mine area, a positive limit (draw) angle of 20 degrees from vertical (70 degrees from horizontal) from the lease boundaries was used. A correction for topographic variability was made in order to accurately determine the maximum surface limit of subsidence. The maximum surface limit of possible subsidence is shown on Plate 6-2. A discussion of the methodology used in determining the maximum limit of subsidence is given in Appendix 5-7. Draw angles of 15 degrees or less have been observed in moderately strong overburdens in the Book Cliffs.

The data contained in Appendix 5-2 were used to determine the potential for subsidence under any perennial streams which may be present within the permit area. Plate 7-16 defines the

perennial reaches of Horse and Crandall Canyons, as substantiated by field surveys in 1991 and 1992. Using the data from Plate 7-16 only the lower portions of Crandall Canyon have perennial sections under which first mining may occur.

Overburden thicknesses in the upper perennial reaches of Crandall Canyon have been determined to be about 540 feet. Using a pillar size of 70 x 65 and the worst case analytical condition, the factor of safety has been calculated to be 2.2. The coal outcrops within Blind and Horse (both the north and south forks of Horse Canyon) Canyons are above the perennial portions of the stream. Thus, no subsidence will occur under perennial sections of Horse Canyon (the Blind Canyon drainage is ephemeral).

All state appropriated water within the subsidence zone of the South Crandall lease area is shown on Plates 7-14 and 7-15. Plates 5-2(H) and 5-2(BC) show the mine plan for the South Crandall lease area. Plate 5-2(H) shows the mine plan for the U-68082 lease mod area. These maps depict which areas will be longwalled (full extraction) and which areas will be developed as first-mining only. Subsidence Survey Letters of Notification to surface owners and water conservancy districts are included in Appendix 5-25.

The following state appropriated waters are located within the subsidence zone: 93-383, 93-381, 93-483, 93-191, 93-190 and 93-1180. Information about quality, quantity, and ownership of these waters can be found in Chapter 7, Table 7-6, and in Appendix 7-1.

#### **5.25.14 Subsidence Monitoring**

The applicant commits to implement the proposed subsidence control plan and applicant hereby incorporates the same into this submittal. An aerial monitoring system for the Crandall Canyon Mine which has been accepted for implementation and vertical and horizontal controls have been established using ground control stations, shown on Plate 5-5. (The program is included as Appendix 5-8). Baseline flight lines were flown over Sections 31 and 32 of T15S R9E, Sections 5 and 6 T16S R7E, Sections 1 and 2 T16S R6E, and Sections 35 and 36 T15S R6E in October of 1989. Selected portions and/or all of Sections 34, 35, and 36 T15S R6E and Sections 2 and 3 T16S R6E (Plate 5-5) will be included in the 1995 Fall Survey to ensure that all projected mined areas within LBA#9 are included in the subsidence monitoring program. Control points within and adjacent to the leased area (including the South Crandall lease area) have been established and located by surveying practices. Prior to mining the area was photographed and a pin map was generated.

Aerial surveys will be conducted by GENWAL each year for the areas above and within the 20-degree angle of draw of the actual mined area. Based on a written request by the Forest Service, GENWAL is revising the subsidence monitoring plan. Monitoring will now be conducted annually until subsidence of less than one foot has been measured for three consecutive surveys showing that subsidence is substantially complete.

The following information will be forwarded to the Division on an annual basis when it becomes available:

1. A current map of the underground workings with areas delineated as to where the second mining will begin.
2. The approximate dates when second mining will commence and terminate.
3. The date of monitoring.

4. The vertical and horizontal positions of all monitoring points and pins, directly over and within the 20-degree angle of draw to the mined area, surveyed by aerial photography for that specific year.

There was and has been no evidence of escarpment subsidence or failure. There are no further plans to monitor escarpments in the area not visible from Huntington or Crandall Canyons. The subsidence/escarpment survey results were recorded and submitted to the appropriate regulatory authority. No escarpment failure occurred.

#### **5.25.15 Anticipated Effects of Planned Subsidence**

If subsidence does occur, surface effects may include minimal ground lowering and temporary tensional fractures at the margins of the subsided area. Any subsidence occurring on the 160-acre Dellenbach fee tract should have minimal effects on the surface. There are no escarpments, raptor nests, archeology sites, streams or springs located the Dellenbach tract. This tract (surface and underground) is privately owned by Genwal Resources Inc. The tract is within the presently approved permit area and is included in the current subsidence monitoring plan.

Subsidence monitoring for the South Crandall lease area and the U-68082 lease mod area will be done according to the existing plan approved for the Crandall Canyon mine. Pre-subsidence base-line aerial surveys have been completed and the initial survey control monuments have been installed on the ground. Additional control points (monuments) will be installed as mining progresses. (Refer to Plates 5-2 and 5-5 for the location of the existing and future monuments.)

In much of the area of the South Crandall lease area, both the Hiawatha and the Blind Canyon seams are proposed for full extraction longwall mining. In these areas the combined thickness of both seams ranges upward to about 12 feet. If surface subsidence in these areas is 80% of total mined seam thickness, then it may be possible to see nearly 10 feet of subsidence in some areas of the lease after mining. It should be noted that the Forest Service and BLM have imposed a special stipulation in the South Crandall federal lease specifically to provide additional protection to the Little Bear spring system. These lease stipulations prohibit full-extraction mining in the following areas;

- a) area under the Little Bear stream channel with less than 600' of overburden.
- b) area within 1000' of the southeast corner of the lease (to protect the Mill Fork Graben.)
- c) area within 1000' of southern boundary of lease (to protect possible water-bearing fracture system.)

GENWAL personnel will conduct a surface inspection of all areas where subsidence has occurred no sooner than 6 months but no later than 12 months after extraction mining has occurred.

Multiple seam mining beyond spring site LB-7 in Little Bear Canyon is contingent upon a monitoring plan approved by the Division in concurrence with the Forest Service at least two years prior to mining in that area.

### **5.25.16 Mitigation of Damages**

As previously presented within this chapter, no material damage or diminution of value or foreseeable use of lands is expected to occur. GENWAL has been in consultation with the BLM and received their concurrence with the conclusions presented in this document, a copy of the BLM correspondence may be found in Appendix 5-5. Displacement of wildlife due to subsidence may be minimal. However, springs within the potential subsidence limit are a significant resource to the local wildlife and may be impacted.

Seeps and springs within the possible subsidence limit emit water from the North Horn Formation, Price River Formation, Blackhawk Formation, and the Castlegate Sandstone. A limited number of seeps and springs are found to issue from the Blackhawk Formation and Castlegate Sandstone units within the area of possible subsidence limits. These seeps and springs show only limited use by deer and elk. Subsidence from mining in these areas will have minimal impacts on water supplies from seeps and springs in the vicinity of the mine. Water monitoring and the Probable Hydrologic Consequences are discussed in detail in Chapter 7 of this permit.

Seeps and springs within the possible subsidence limit of mining emit water from the North Horn and Price River Formations 100 to 2100 feet (10 to 210 times the coal bed thickness) above the interval to be mined. If repeated subsidence via roof failure occurs, elastic deflation is believed to occur at a distance of nine coal seam thicknesses (90 feet) above the coal. If any tension cracks do develop, they should be sealed by clay migration occurring during elastic deformation. As a result, these seeps and springs should not be affected by subsidence. However, monitoring will be conducted as described in Chapter 7.

GENWAL recognizes the fact that the Division of Wildlife Resources, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining and the USFS consider all seeps and springs to be important to wildlife. If, during the monitoring of the springs, non-climatic diminutions of flow from any seep or spring in the area are substantiated, GENWAL will notify the Division of Wildlife Resources, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the State Engineer and the U. S. Forest Service. If documentation concludes that mining efforts at the Crandall Canyon Mine have reduced or eliminated the flow from the seeps and springs, then acceptable remedial action plans will be submitted for approval and subsequently installed.

In the event subsidence negatively impacts grazing, the applicant will compensate the owner or appropriate the party by paying the fair market value for the loss experienced. Compensation will be made after the grazing loss is proven to have resulted from surface subsidence related to the operation of the Crandall Canyon Mine.

Should any structures such as roads, bridges, etc., be adversely impacted as a direct result of subsidence directly related to the operation of the Crandall Canyon Mine, the operator will repair or replace the structure, whichever is more economical.

Mitigation for potential disruption to the Little Bear Spring will be accomplished through the construction of a water treatment plant which will provide replacement water for the spring if mining activity in the South Crandall lease area affects the quality or quantity of the spring. Construction of this water treatment plant will be done under the provisions of a water replacement agreement between GENWAL Resources, Inc. and the Castle Valley Special Service District who maintain culinary water rights to Little Bear Springs. A copy of this water replacement agreement is included in Appendix 7-51.

Subsidence projections for the South Crandall lease area are depicted on Plates 5-2(H) and 5-2 (BC). Subsidence projections for the U-68082 lease mod area are shown on Plate 5-2(H).

The powerline that crosses the South Crandall lease was built by GENWAL to serve the Crandall Canyon mine. There are no other users on this line. This powerline follows the highline of the ridge and is more than 1500' above the coal seam to be extracted. Due to the depth of cover no damage to this powerline is expected due to subsidence. As full extraction mining approaches under the powerline GENWAL will monitor the situation to ensure that the potential for damage to the powerline is minimized. Most of the powerline within the subsidence zone is visible from the Genwal mine and can be inspected by mine personnel. The section of line on the ridge will be inspected during annual subsidence monitoring. Much of this line utilizes double pole X-braced structures which are inherently stable in design. This line is equipped with ground fault protection which will automatically and instantly de-energize the line in the event of any damage, including grounding and/or short circuiting. Vegetation has been cleared on either side of the powerline within the right-of-way. The powerline runs over the area that was mined out by the ARCO #4 mine, and there was no resulting damage. If any damage occurs, GENWAL will be out of power and will immediately make arrangements for any necessary repairs.

It shall be noted that the extent of possible subsidence in the U-68082 lease mod area is difficult to predict because the extent of mining in this area is extremely speculative due to the low coal (5' and less) in this area. However, in keeping with special lease stipulation #1 (see Appendix 1-15A, Attachment 3) there will be no second mining (and hence no subsidence) in any areas where the cover is less than 50 times the seam height plus 50', or approximately 300' overburden. A detailed discussion of this stipulation can be found in Appendix 3-20, (Final Environmental Assessment, Modification of Federal Coal Lease UTU-68082, U.S. Forest Service.)

Genwal has discussed the powerline situation with officials of Utah Power & Light (Dale Robertson), transmission and Distribution; Greg Bean, System Engineering, and Aaron Gibson, Customer Service Representative, verbal communication February 8, 2005). These representatives are very familiar with the surface effects of full extraction longwall mining and are in agreement that the risk to this line is quite minimal. GENWAL commits to immediately notify the Forest Service in the event of any damage to the powerline so that proper fire preventive measures can be implemented as required.

### **5.25.20 Subsidence Control**

GENWAL will comply with all provisions of the approved subsidence control plan and will correct any material damage resulting from subsidence to surface lands as a direct result of the operation of the Crandall Canyon Mine. This will be done to the extent technically and economically feasible, by restoring the land to a condition capable of maintaining the value and reasonably foreseeable uses which it was capable of supporting before subsidence.

The mine plan is designed so that mining will not result in material damage to perennial streams or impoundments having a storage volume of 20 acre feet, or which could result in environmental degradation or safety hazards to streams and associated structures.

### **5.25.30 Public Notice of Proposed Mining**

At least six months prior to mining, or within that period if approved by the Division, all owners and occupants of surface property will be notified, by mail, identifying specific areas in which mining will take place, dates that specific areas will be undermined, and the location or locations where the operator's subsidence control plan may be examined.

## **5.26 Mine Facilities**

The existing surface facilities were partially located in a predisturbed area and the only area where the coal outcropped in the lease area. The existing surface facilities are located in a very limited disturbed area. The culvert expansion project adds the minimally necessary area for additional and improved facilities. The use of a 72" diameter culvert, through which Crandall Creek is routed, is the primary feature used to minimizing the disturbed area within the steeply sloped canyon. See Plate 5-3 for the surface layout and Plates 3-7, 3-8, and 3-9 and 5-20 for the premining land configuration.

A construction sequence for the culvert expansion project is included in Appendix 7-50.

The new facilities will incorporate several design features which will minimize the spread of coal fines and dust compared to the existing facility.

1) With the new system, all coal will be reclaimed by underground feeders located in the reclaim tunnel below the coal pile. During normal operations, coal will not have to be handled by heavy equipment (i.e. dozers and loaders) as with the existing facility.

2) The new coal pile will be contained by the hillside on the south, the new upper mine pad on the west, and the new road extension on the north. This containment will help prevent the pile from spreading. Concrete road barricades (Jersey Barriers) will be placed along the outside edge of the road from the new truck turnaround to the new loadout and beyond which will further limit the spread of coal and coal fines onto the roadway. This new pile configuration is in contrast to the existing design wherein the coal pile is located immediately adjacent to the road and migration of coal onto the roadway is not uncommon especially where mobile equipment is constantly working the pile during the loading and reclaim process.

3) The new truck loadout will be constructed outside of the road alignment in contrast to the existing facility where the loadout is situated directly within the roadway. Because the new loadout will be a state-of-the-art computer controlled facility, coal spills will be minimal compared to the existing facility. However, what little coal spillage that may occur with the new system will be cleaned up immediately and coal fines will report directly to the new sediment pond without being swept across the roadway as is now the case with the existing facility. With the new facility, the coal pile, crusher facility and loadout will all be located on the same side as the sediment pond and away from the existing roadway.

A Forest Service road use permit was obtained from the United States Forest Service, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Price, Utah in order to upgrade, use, and maintain the road to the mine permit area. This Forest Development road does not lie within the permit area and is not included as part of this permit application. The Forest Service road that lies within the disturbed area boundaries is included in the permit area for the purpose of drainage control.

The topsoil was stripped according to the plan, stockpile, and seeded with the topsoil stockpile seed mix. The topsoil stockpiles are protected from encroachment by placing earthen berms, straw bails, silt fences, or equivalent where needed.

There are no pre-existing structures or facilities located within the permit area. GENWAL has constructed a metal building (80' x 40') that is used as an outside shop. A new warehouse and office complex (50' x 25') has been built east of and connected to the existing shop. An additional 30' x 20' shop bay has been approved for construction by the Division and is projected to be constructed in the future.

During the summer of 1990, a power line from Utah Power & Light was brought in across the top of the canyon. At this time the use of the diesel generator was terminated. Presently, a state of the art substation and transformer provide all power needs. The high voltage lines from the substation to the mine are run underground in cement covered conduit thus eliminating the need of overhead power poles and transmission lines.

The oil storage and fuel containment area (80' x 20') is located at the west end of the old loadout area. This containment area is of sufficient volume to hold the volume of the largest storage tank found within the containment area plus any additional storm water. The containment area has a valve connected to the drain inside the wall. The valve and drain will provide a means for removing any spills or water in the containment area. A certified SPCC plan outlining emergency action as per R645-301-730 is available at the mine site (Appendix 5-10). Refer to Plate 5-3 for all surface buildings and structures.

An underground bathhouse has been constructed to provide shower and sanitary facilities for the miners. This underground bathhouse was designed and installed in accordance with all State Health, MSHA, and Forest Service regulations. These agencies were contacted prior to the design and implementation for their input and approval as necessary. The water and sewage plans can be found in Appendix 5-11 and 5-12, respectively.

After the South Crandall portals were constructed, three small material storage sheds were placed on the site near the portals (see Plate 5-3). These sheds are all less than 20' x 25' and are of temporary type construction. They are used to store ~~foof-bolt~~roof-bolt resin, electrical parts and other miscellaneous items. These sheds will be removed prior to final reclamation.

Two mine fans located on the surface, as shown on Plate 5-3, are used to ventilate the mine workings to insure a sufficient amount of oxygen for mine employees to continue operations within the mine. Other structures such as cement guard rails and cement walls have been constructed, with the Division's approval, and are listed within pages 5-33 and 5-34. This list includes the approximate date of completion of each structure and the description of each construction project.

Shotcrete was sprayed onto the cut-slope above the portals, the portal roads, and the coal storage area, as shown on Plate 5-3. A 4" square wire mesh was used, being spaced approximately 1" to 2" away from the existing slope. The wire mesh was secured to the slope with standard metal clips and bolts. Two-inch PVC pipe, perforated for drainage, was inset 2 to 3 feet into the slope at two different elevations, approximately 6" to 12" from the bottom of the project and 12" to 24" from the top of the project. These pipes were spaced 6 to 10 feet apart for the entire length of the project, with 2" to 4" of shotcrete then being sprayed onto the wire mesh. The intent of the project is to stabilize the cut slope to eliminate sloughage and enhance safety for personnel.

### Specifications for Shotcreting Cut Slopes

Average slope:	1/3:1
Matting:	11 gauge 2" x 4" or 9 gauge 4" x 4" wire mesh 6' wide x full length of slope
Securement:	5/8" x 24" long bolts w/ plates or 3/4" x 24" long rebar type anchors w/ plates
Drainage:	2" PVC pipe, 24" long, perforated, located at top and bottom of slope, 6' to 10' on centers. Pipes will be inset into the slope with the end extending outside the shotcrete. Drainage of the slope will be collected by the 2" PVC pipes and allowed to flow to the outside of the shotcrete.
Shotcrete: (per batch)	1800 lbs sand 800 lbs pea gravel 425 lbs cement 400 lbs fly ash
Application:	Applied with a Reed Sova III or Reed M40 pump w/ accelerator. Minimum thickness applied 2"

See Figure 5-10 for a cross sectional detail of shotcrete application.

This MRP covers the expansion of the surface facilities as shown on Plate 5-3. It should be noted that this represents the initial phase of the Crandall Canyon mine surface improvement. As shown, surface improvements will include a new intake portal, a new belt conveyor portal and a new fan portal.

The new portals will be constructed along the south side of the upper pad of the existing mine-yard (refer to Plate 5-3). This area is presently serving as the parking lot and material storage yard. The new portals will consist of an intake portal, a fan portal, and a belt portal. The intake portal will be used to accommodate fresh air intake into the mine, and also to provide primary travel access into the mine for employees and materials. The fan portal will support a ventilation fan which will suck return ventilation air out of the mine. The belt entry will be located south of the existing coal pile and will contain the main conveyor belt hauling coal out of the mine.

Construction of the portals will be done within the existing permitted disturbed area boundary. The existing disturbed area boundary will not be increased. The existing sediment pond has been sized to accommodate this new portal construction area, so no changes to the sediment pond will be required. Except for adding a new culvert under the access ramp to the new portal, none of the previously approved and existing surface drainage structures will be affected.

In the area of the new south portals, the base of the coal seam is located approximately 17' above (i.e., higher than) the level of the existing mine-yard. An earthen ramp will be constructed on the existing pad to gain access up to the level of the coal seam. In the area of the intake and fan portals, the existing hill slope will be excavated with a back-hoe to expose the coal seam in preparation for construction of the portal canopies. A small elevated pad will also be constructed in front of the fan portal on which the mine fan can later be installed. This fan pad will be constructed as a continuation of the access ramp leading to the intake portal. The access ramp to the intake portal and the fan pad will be constructed partially using the earthen material generated in the process of facing up the coal seam and partially using fill material hauled in from an off-site borrow source. The imported fill material will come from the same source (i.e., the same borrow pit) that supplied the pad material for the recently completed surface expansion. This borrow site would be the Nielson Construction commercial borrow pit located in Huntington Canyon below the power plant. As the access ramp is being constructed, a new culvert (C-11A) will be added to handle sheet flow drainage from the upper material yard (see Plate 7-5).

As the access ramp and fan pad are constructed from the existing yard surface up to the level of the coal seam outcrop, some of the new fill material will be placed up against the intervening existing undisturbed slope. Part of the access ramp/fan pad will therefore be constructed on top of the existing slope. Before this ramp/pad is constructed, topsoil along the existing slope below the fan pad and access ramp will be protected in-place using a geotextile cover placed along the undisturbed slope under the fill material. This topsoil protection technique would be identical to the approved method used during construction of the existing surface expansion facilities (Phase I surface expansion).

After the access ramp and fan pad have been constructed (and the underlying in-place topsoil protected with geotextile), the portal excavation can begin. Prior to starting the portal cuts, the existing topsoil at the portal sites will first be salvaged. Topsoil conditions along the south slope

portal area is similar to the conditions at the adjacent coal pile area where topsoil was salvaged during August, 1998. This topsoil salvage effort is described in appendix 2-5, Part II, prepared by Pat Johnson, soil scientist. At that area, according to Ms. Johnson's report, the depth of true topsoil was 3" but an average of 8" - 9" of material was taken due to the operating nature of the backhoes which were employed in the salvage process. In addition, an intensive soil inventory and site investigation was performed on the south slope on August 18, 1998 and is included in Appendix 2-6.

In order to minimize the area of additional disturbance associated with the construction of the south portals, these portals will be constructed by excavating individual pockets into the hillside for each portal rather than along a common highwall. Topsoil has already been removed from the belt portal site. By utilizing individual pocket cuts for the portals the total area of new disturbance is expected to be less than 4500 sq. ft. (0.11 acres). Topsoil will be removed from the areas of the south portal pocket cuts prior to excavation as described in Section 2.31.1. According to the Nyenhuis survey, the upper two feet (24 inches) is suitable for salvage. Based on the Nyenhuis soil survey, it is anticipated that approximately 9000 cu. ft. (333 yds.) of topsoil will be salvaged from the intake and fan portal cuts.

The salvaged topsoil will be stored on the existing topsoil pile #4 located off-site at the bottom of Crandall Canyon. This topsoil pile is constructed on Forest Service land under a Special Use Permit issued on 8/17/87. This pile #4 was originally constructed in 1997 during Phase 1 of the surface facility expansion. At that time it was designed and constructed sufficiently large to accommodate the additional topsoil storage requirements for the Phase 2 south portal construction. The Forest Service has concurred with the addition of the south portal topsoil to this pile. All topsoil removal, salvage and storage will be overseen, directed and monitored by an independent soils scientist approved by the Division. A report of the topsoil salvage operation will be prepared by the soil scientist and added to the MRP upon completion as Appendix 2-5, Part III.

After the portal sites have been faced up construction of the portal canopies will begin. These canopies will be constructed from 6" steel I-beams and 1/4" steel plate according to the MSHA guidelines. These canopies will measure approximately 8' high by 20' wide and will extend underground as far as needed to insure adequate roof protection. The canopies will be anchored to concrete footers. These canopies will provide a safe structure from which the miners can begin driving the entries back into the coal seam. These portal canopies will be similar to the existing portal canopies. After the intake and fan entries have been driven into the hillside and connected together underground with a cross-cut, work can then be started on construction of the mine fan installation. The fan will be an 8' diameter Spendrup or Joy axial vane (or equivalent) electric-powered fan. It will not have a diesel powered back up. It will be mounted on concrete foundations located on the newly constructed fan pad. The fan installation will be very similar to the existing fan structure. While the fan is being installed, the miners will drive the belt entry from inside the mine out to the belt portal. During this phase of development, mined coal will be moved away from the surface with a front-end loader, a mobile radial stacker, or some other temporary means of conveyance. After the belt portal connection is completed, a new conveyor truss will be

installed from a concrete landing at the belt portal out to the existing coal pile. The conveyor will be 48" wide, supported on a steel box truss which will extend from the new portal to the existing stacking tube. An intermediate bent support may be required, depending on final engineering. If this bent is required, it will be anchored to a concrete foundation constructed on the existing coal pad. The conveyor will be covered to minimize fugitive dust. The air quality permit will be revised prior to construction to include the new conveyor (see Appendix 5-23). This truss/bent structure will be similar to the existing truss/bent structure, but only one fourth as long. All coal from the mine will then be delivered directly to the existing coal pile and will be crushed and loaded on trucks through the existing coal handling facilities.

The access ramp leading into the portals will be approximately 100' long and 20' wide. It will have jersey barrier guards along both sides. The ramp will be constructed from the imported fill material, laid down in 12" - 18" lifts, and compacted to 90%. The only vehicles using the ramp will be underground mine vehicles going in and out of the mine. Therefore, the ramp is not considered a road. Drainage from the ramp will be handled by the existing drainage structures and the new culvert (C-11A) as shown on Plate 7-5. It is estimated that approximately 3500 cubic yards of fill will be needed to construct the access ramp/fan pad. This quantity will be verified after construction on the as-built plans.

Power, water, communications, and other mine infrastructure will be supplied to the south portals as an extension of the pre-existing Crandall Canyon Mine facilities.

Figure 5-11 depicts a typical cross-section through the south portals, showing the pocket cut, access ramp, in-situ soil geotextile protection, and the portal canopy construction.

Figure 5-12 depicts a typical cross section along the south portal conveyor belt structure.

GENWAL is also considering a second possible option for constructing the south portal intake and fan portals. Instead of constructing a ramp up to the level of the coal seam, short tunnels would be driven from the existing yard level up to the coal seam. In this scenario the pocket cuts would be made into the hillside lower down at the same level as the existing pad. This level is approximately 15' below the base of the coal seam. Since the coal seam sits directly on top of the Star Point Sandstone, this sandstone outcrops at the existing yard level. Tunneling would begin in the sandstone and ramp up underground to the coal seam.

If the tunnels are driven at an incline of 10% they will be about 160' long to where they intersect the base of the coal seam. At 8' high and 20' wide, excavation of the two tunnels (intake and fan) would generate approximately 1900 cu yds. of material during construction. This tunnel excavation material will consist of sandstone mixed with coal. This excess material would be disposed of by placing it in a 6' deep layer along the existing fill bank located between the upper material yard and the coal storage pad. This embankment is part of the designated coal storage area and currently is covered with coal. Therefore, after the tunnel excavation material is layered onto the embankment, it too will be covered over by the active coal pile for the remaining life of the mine. Refer to Figure 13-a and 5-13b for more details of this tunneling construction option.

Upon final reclamation the tunnel excavation material would be hauled back into the mine tunnels where it would be sealed up prior to backfilling the portals. Backfilling and reclamation of the portal pocket cuts would be the same, regardless of whether the ramp or tunnel option is selected. If GENWAL elects the tunnel construction option, topsoil will be salvaged in exactly the same manner as described previously. The amount of topsoil salvaged, stored and redistributed would be the same regardless. If the tunnel option is selected, there would be no additional in-place topsoil required to be protected with geotextile, because there would be no fill material placed up against the hillside.

If this option is selected, GENWAL commits to ensuring the protection of the hydrologic balance for surface and groundwater systems as required by R645-301-731. The tunnel excavation material will be tested for acid- and toxic-forming material and the analytical results of this testing will be presented to the Division. The hydrologic balance will be protected in the following manner.

- a) The excavation material will consist of fragmented Star Point sandstone. This sandstone outcrops naturally in the minesite area and is one of the major geological features which determine the character of Crandall Canyon and many other canyons in the Wasatch Plateau. This predominant sandstone is not known to be acid- or toxic-forming anywhere in the Utah coalfields. However, further site-specific testing of the sandstone will be conducted prior to any construction.

- b) The proposed location of the material storage is on top of the existing pad fill. Any runoff from this area would report to the existing sediment pond.
- c) The existing pad fill in the proposed storage area varies between 10' and 40' thick over the bypass culvert and is densely compacted. This thickness of compacted fill material is sufficient to preclude any leaching downward into the bypass culvert or groundwater.

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### 5.26.10 Coal Handling

Coal exits the mine on a 48" conveyor belt, is transferred onto a 48" overhead conveyor belt and drops into the run of mine coal stockpile. The coal is reclaimed from the stockpile and is conveyed to crusher station. Crushed coal is then conveyed directly to the silo. From the silo, it is weighed and loaded into coal trucks.

An automated coal processing facility has been installed at the GENWAL mine site. The facility, as-built layout, can be found on Plate 5-6. Design calculations are located in Appendix 5-13.

Coal from the mine is delivered to a concrete stacking tube. This structure will support a nominal 30,000 ton storage pile. The coal is reclaimed from the pile through an underpile drawdown system designed to feed a reclaim conveyor. Reclaimed coal is screened and crushed to a 2 x 0 product, then transported to a computer-operated batch-weight truck loadout facility. From there it is loaded into the trucks and transported off the minesite to market. The new surface facilities have been painted a neutral gray color to blend with the existing environment with minimal visual obtrusiveness.

After the new facilities are operational, the old loadout facilities were completely dismantled and removed from the site. The truck scales were also removed and the road repaved and re-established as a two-lane road meeting Forest Service standards. Coal and coal debris will be cleaned from the loadout area and from around the existing retaining wall area. The rehabilitated loadout site will be used for storage of snow and/or road traction material in the winter time and other suitable storage needs in the summer time. A slotted culvert has been installed on the roadway below this storage area. The slotted drain will direct any road runoff and material tracked down the road into the sediment pond for treatment.

### 5.26.12 Power System, Transmission Lines, Substations, Feeders

Power for the mine, both underground and surface use, is provided by transmission lines from Utah Power, and Light. The substation and transformer built by PEMCO provides 7200 volts to surface and underground power centers. The power lines run in underground cement covered conduit from the substation to a visual disconnect located by the bathhouse portal. From the visual disconnect it travels through 4" steel conduits into the mine. All electrical installations meet the appropriate 30 CFR Part 75 and 77 MSHA regulations. The placement of electrical installations can be found on Plate 5-3. Plate 5-8 gives a detailed layout of the substation and transformer facility.

Utility poles located on the surface will be constructed to protect raptors, all wires will be insulated and there will be no exposed conductors. All electrical installations will be done in accordance with MSHA regulations.

### 5.26.13 Surface Equipment

Underground supply equipment will be used on the surface as needed. The following is a list of equipment used exclusively on the surface:

Fork Lift	Snow Plow	Front End Loader
Pick-up Trucks	Diesel Tractors	Bobcat tractor
Dozer		

### 5.26.14 Culinary Water System

The culinary water used at the mine is purchased from a vendor who is supplied from a state approved water system, or taken from the deep well (MW-1) located at the mine portals. This deep well has been installed in accordance with state health regulations for culinary use. The culinary water is placed in containers designed for this purpose. Drinking water at the mine is provided as bottled water.

The water used underground is placed in the mine sumps located underground. The location of the sumps will change as mining progresses across the reserve and will not remain in [any one](#) area permanently.

### 5.26.15 Sewage System

The bathhouse, located underground, and a new proposed bathhouse for the culvert expansion project is designed and constructed in accordance with the State Health Department's rules and regulations. The sewage will be contained in a concrete holding tank and pumped by a licensed contractor and disposed of at a State approved sewage treatment plant. The sanitary facilities underground will comply with all MSHA regulations. The sewage facility can be found in Appendix 5-12.

### 5.26.16 Sedimentation Control Structures and Water Treatment Facilities

The existing sedimentation pond was reconstructed during the 1986 and 1989 construction seasons and enlarged during the culvert expansion project in accordance with R645-301-526.300, as detailed in the Runoff and Sediment Control Plan located in Chapter 7.

Underground sumps will be built in order to effectively treat underground water before discharging into Crandall Creek, refer to Plate 5-4 for the sump locations. All discharge into the creek will meet effluent limitations of the UPDES permit and monitored in accordance with that permit, (Appendix 5-14). The sediment pond and the underground sumps are the only water treatment facilities proposed at the mine site.

In the fall of 2009 the company constructed a facility on the surface to treat the excessive iron content in the mine discharge water. Details of this facility can be found in Appendix 7-65.

#### **5.26.21 Utility Installation and Protection**

All coal mining and reclamation operations will be conducted in a manner which minimizes damage, destruction, or disruption of services provided by oil, gas, and water wells; oil, gas, and coal slurry pipelines, railroads; public utilities; etc. which pass over, under, or through the permit area, unless otherwise approved by the owner of those facilities and the Division.

#### **5.26.22 Operation of Support Facilities**

Support facilities will be operated in accordance with a permit issued for the mine to which it is incident or from which its operation results.

#### **5.26.3 Water Pollution Control**

See "Waste Disposal Plans" under the Mining Operation section of this chapter.

In the fall of 2009 the company constructed a facility on the surface to treat the excessive iron content in the mine discharge water. Details of this facility can be found in Appendix 7-65

#### **5.26.4 Air Pollution Control**

Coal mining and reclamation activities will be conducted in accordance with R645-301-420 and the Air Quality Approval Order issued by the Utah Division of Air Quality (Appendix 4-7).

#### **5.27 Transportation Facilities**

The coal from the mine will be transported to the rail loadout or final destination by truck. The trucks are typical 45 ton tandem trailer coal haulers used in the Utah coal fields. GENWAL uses a loading site on the Utah Railway located at Mohrland, Utah, a loading facility on the Southern Pacific Railway in Wellington, Utah, and other independently owned loadouts within the Carbon/Emery county area.

The Forest Development Road from Huntington Creek to the truck turn around area was constructed under the definition of a class one road and will be maintained as a primary road, in compliance with the road use permit issued by the U. S. Forest Service, Manti-La Sal National Forest. The forest access road will remain as part of the post mining land use in accordance with the Forest Service Permit (Appendix 1-2). The Forest Service Access Road, upgraded under the definition of a class two road, is maintained as a primary road. The road connects the main pad area, the truck turn around area, and the Forest Service Parking/Turnaround to the Huntington Canyon

Road (State Route 31). The road is designed, maintained and will be restored in accordance with the Forest Service road use permit.

The road from the lower pad area to the upper pad area was built under the definition of a class two road and is maintained as a primary road. It is designed (as shown on Plate 5-10), maintained and restored in accordance with R645-301-527.120. The Ancillary road to the portal area was built under the definition of a class three road and was designed (as Shown on Plate 5-10), is maintained and restored in accordance with R645-527.130.

The Forest Service Development road has been designed and was approved by the USFS prior to construction. The design drawings are on file with the Manti-La Sal National Forest in Price, Utah. During the 1991 construction season GENWAL Resources Inc. improved and asphalted the Forest Service Development road and surface facilities area of the Crandall Canyon Mine (as shown on Plate 5-3). The improvement information covering the haul road and facilities area is addressed in Appendices 5-15, 5-16, and 5-17.

The Forest Service road (primary road) is utilized by coal haul trucks, mining equipment (on a limited basis), support vehicles, employees, and recreational users (public). The two roads located on the permit area, the portal pad road and the access road to the main pad, are utilized by both surface and underground mining equipment, support vehicles, and employee vehicles. The ancillary road to the portal area is utilized by service vehicles on a very limited basis. The ancillary road to the upper unused area has been reseeded.

The forest parking area past the mine site was preserved for recreational/forest service parking and with verbal approval for the short term storage of mine equipment being unloaded/offloaded or moved as a part of upgrading or retrofitting.

Because of the limited space available at the existing site, snow removal and storage is now a problem. Currently, under agreement with the Forest Service, limited snow storage is allowed in the Forest Service trailhead parking area. This practice is less than ideal however. Snow storage in this area limits the amount of available public parking. Snow melt and runoff from the snowpiles often makes the parking area muddy in the springtime and makes sediment control into nearby Crandall Creek more challenging. The expanded operations area should relieve congestion at the site and free up both the parking area and the Forest Service road and make snow storage in the parking area unnecessary. Snow storage will become available in the area of the existing loadout facilities once these facilities have been removed and the area cleaned up properly as part of the overall site expansion project. Snowmelt from this new storage area will be able to report directly to the sediment pond located nearby. There will be absolutely no snow storage in the sediment pond itself.

After construction of the surface expansion is completed, the Forest Development Road 50248 will be returned to double lane width through the permit area to the Forest Service trailhead parking area. This will be accomplished by the following:

a) The existing loadout facilities will be removed and cleaned up and the road will be widened, realigned, and repaved through this area.

b) The existing ~~truck scales~~ truck scales and exit ramp will be removed from the middle of the road and the roadway will be re-established and repaved in this area.

c) The existing oil storage shed will be rehabilitated and the roadway will be regraded and repaved in this area. This storage facility has been designed and constructed to adequately contain the volume of the largest storage tank plus the additional volume of any direct precipitation which may accumulated within the containment area.

d) The existing roadway from the loadout up to the truck turnaround area will be widened by approximately 15 feet. This will result in an additional (third) lane which can be used by the trucks as a stacking lane as they wait to enter the loadout to be loaded. This will free up the existing road for unobstructed two-way, two-lane traffic to facilitate public use of the road for Forest related activities.

e) The turn-around area will also be widened to allow the trucks to turn in a standard counter-clockwise direction and thereby eliminate the present practice of clockwise cross traffic turnarounds.

f) Construction of the high speed, high efficiency truck loadout will in and of itself help minimize the congested conditions which now exist within the mine site. Presently trucks are often forced to stop along the Forest Service road while waiting to be loaded. The expanded coal storage capabilities and the new high-speed truck loading facilities will allow the trucks to be loaded in a continuous, uninterrupted basis, thereby eliminating the major cause of tie-ups and congestion.

g) After the Forest Service road has been re-established, (i.e., realigned and repaved) the roadway will be striped to properly delineate the travelway through the mine site areas to the Forest Service Trailhead. The travel lanes will be clearly marked to help separate public traffic on the road from truck traffic associated with the coal operations. Signs will also be installed to direct the public to the trailhead and to instruct the public as to which areas within the minesite should be avoided in order to prevent conflicts with the ongoing operations. These direction signs will be readily visible to the motoring public and will conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

The plan view for roads may be found on Plate 5-3. The typical cross section for each road and their corresponding profile may be found on Plate 5-10.

The coal trucks exit to the east of the loadout facility and onto the USFS road (see Plate 5-3). Roads in the permit area are inspected in order to determine the maintenance required to minimize and correct erosion problems before they become extensive. Maintenance will be performed as required to control erosion. This maintenance will include maintaining the ditches, resurfacing when needed and maintaining proper drainage.

See Plates 5-3, 5-10, 5-19, and Appendix 1-2 for more sections and details of the roads within the permitted boundaries. If a road is damaged by a catastrophic event, such as a flood or earthquake, it will be repaired as soon as practical after the damage has occurred.

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## **5.28 Handling and Disposal of Coal, Overburden, Excess Spoil and Coal Mine Waste**

### **5.28.10 Coal Removal, Handling, and Storage**

See Section 5.26 of this chapter. See Section 5.4 for removal and reclamation.

### **5.28.20 Overburden**

See Section 5.28.30 for removal and reclamation.

### **5.28.30 Spoil, Mine Development Waste, and Noncoal Waste Removal, and Overburden**

The Crandall Canyon Mine produces a run of mine product for final sale. This product does not contain any mine-related rock or development waste. The method of mining used at the Crandall Canyon mine produces no development waste. However, small amounts of rock waste are generated in unexpected roof falls and overcasts. This rock waste is not brought to the surface, but is disposed of on pillar lines or stored in areas that have been mined or where no second mining is to be done. The material disposed of on the pillar lines will be of the same nature that naturally caves in the pillaring process. Therefore, no leachate will be formed other than that associated with normal pillaring.

In no event will the disposal of this material interfere with future recovery of the coal resource without consent of the BLM or the managing agency of the coal resource. In the unlikely event either rock, development, and/or processing waste is encountered, and the volume exceeds the capacity that can be disposed of along pillar lines; GENWAL commits to disposing of the waste in a DOGM approved disposal facility. GENWAL will notify and consult with DOGM regarding disposal sites; all waste disposal will be done in accordance with MSHA regulations.

The waste generated by the normal underground mining activities will be brought outside the mine for disposal. No oil or grease will be intentionally disposed of underground. All solid waste brought to the surface will be disposed of in a trash container until the container becomes full, at which time the container will be transported to a State approved landfill for final disposal.

At the present time the landfills to be used will be the state-approved Nielson landfill or American Kinfold landfill (M&P Enterprises, which are located next to the county landfill, approximately 1.5 miles north of Orangeville, Utah, and if another State approved landfill becomes available and is more cost effective, then this landfill will be utilized. The operator will notify the Division prior to any waste disposal in any landfill other than those mentioned. The location of the new landfill and a statement from the DOH indicating the landfill permit number, the permit term and any conditions that the DOH has concerning the disposal of noncoal waste will be submitted to the Division. In no event will liquids be disposed of in landfills that are not permitted to handle such

material. Scrap metal and used equipment will be removed from the mine unless safety considerations prevent removal.

Oil contaminated soil from the gas and oil storage area will be disposed of prior to reclamation or moving of the facility. If oil or gas spills occur outside the containment area, the spill will be contained, cleaned up and disposed of in a permitted facility. The contaminated material will be disposed of at a facility licensed to accept oil/gas contaminated soil, or remediated onsite with appropriate approvals from the pertinent regulatory agencies.

### **Processing Waste**

No processing waste is generated at the Crandall Canyon Mine. Only coal is removed from the mine, all of which is trucked off site and sold. Exploratory drill hole data and mining conditions indicate that no development or processing waste will be produced. However, in the unlikely event either rock, development and/or processing waste is encountered, and the volume of waste generated exceeds the capacity that can be disposed of along pillar lines, GENWAL commits to disposing of the waste in a DOGM approved disposal facility. GENWAL will notify and consult with DOGM regarding disposal sites. All disposal operations will be in compliance with Utah Coal Mining regulations R645-301-536 and R645-301-746.

### **Hazardous Wastes**

In the unlikely event that hazardous or toxic material is encountered, GENWAL will notify the Division as well as the State Health Department; the hazardous or toxic material(s) will be disposed of at a facility permitted to accept the specific contaminants found.

### **Sediment Pond Waste**

Sediment removed from the pond during the cleaning process will be hauled to an approved waste disposal facility. Prior to cleaning the sediment pond, representative sediment samples will be collected and analyzed for any acid- and/or toxic forming materials (as listed on page 5-39A). If the analytical results exceed the toxic limit, the waste material will be handled and disposed of in compliance with regulations applicable to acid- and/or toxic forming materials. GENWAL will notify DOGM if the analytical results of the samples show that acid or toxic forming materials are present.

## **Sanitary Waste**

There are less than 10 regularly assigned employees on the surface per shift. These surface employees use the bathhouse for their sanitary waste needs. Waste from the underground bathhouse toilets and showers is pumped to a holding tank located underground. When required the holding tank is pumped and the materials are disposed of by a licensed contractor at a State Health approved disposal site (See Appendix 5-12). GENWAL will keep records of the sewage pumped from the tank by the contractor. The sanitary waste needs for the miners underground will be handled in accordance with MSHA regulations.

### **5.29 Management of Mine Openings**

Five portals have been placed on the Star Point Sandstone in the Hiawatha coal seam. Four of the five portals are used while one of the portals is sealed. Three portals are used for intake ventilation, beltline, and return ventilation. The fourth portal opening is used for access to the underground bathhouse. Two identical fans located at the return portal will operate in parallel. One fan will discharge horizontally and the second vertically.

These portals existed during previous mining attempts and will be utilized during current mining operations. The highwall above the portals has been secured and canopies have been installed to maintain the portals at MSHA standards. During operation of the Crandall Canyon Mine, access to all mine openings are controlled by the operator during working and nonworking hours. Due to public access through the mine site, a security person is located at the mine during times of no work or when surface personnel are not present. Permanent sealing of underground openings is discussed in Section 5.42.71 of this chapter.

### **5.30 Operational Design and Plans**

#### **5.32 Sediment Control**

The design of the sediment control structures is presented in Chapter 7, Section 7.42 of this document. The designs are intended to minimize the disturbance to the hydrologic balance by disturbing the smallest practical area at any one time during the mining operation through progressive backfilling, grading, and prompt revegetation as required in R645-310-353.200, and to stabilizing the backfilled material to promote a reduction of the rate and volume of runoff in accordance with the regulations.

### 5.33 Impoundments

The only impoundment on the Crandall Canyon Mine site is the sedimentation pond. The design of the sediment control structures is presented in Chapter 7, Section 7.42 of this document. The sedimentation pond meets criteria of R645-301-533 as shown in Appendix 7-10, page 7.

EarthFax Engineering, Inc. previously conducted the sediment pond design and stability analysis (Chapter 7, Section 7.42 and Appendix 7-6) which determined that the old sediment pond was stable under static and seismic conditions. The redesigned pond, constructed in conjunction with the surface facility expansion, does meet the minimum regulatory requirement of 1v:5h combined upstream and downstream side slopes. Refer to Appendix 7-4 for additional detail on the sediment pond.

### 5.34 Roads

The primary roads associated with the Crandall Canyon Mine have been located on the most stable available surfaces. They have been surfaced with materials (gravel, road base, asphalt, etc.) approved by the Division as being sufficiently durable for the anticipated volume of traffic and weight and speed of vehicles using the road. All roads falling under DOGM regulations are built on cut material and, as a result, no embankments were used during road construction. The roads are routinely maintained to include repairs to the road surface, blading, filling potholes and adding replacement surface material when needed. Culverts and ditches have been installed and are maintained to sustain the life of the roads during the operational life of the mine. See Plate 7-5A for the location of culverts and Appendix 7-11 for the culvert designs. See Section 5.27 for further information on these roads.

The area not designated as a primary road is the upper pad. This area has been asphalted to the approval of the Division. The pad is utilized for parking, loading and unloading of supplies and equipment, storage for those supplies, a staging area for new and rebuilt underground equipment, and access to the primary road to the portal area. It is maintained to include repair to the pad surface, blading, filling potholes and adding replacement surface material when needed. Roads within the permit area used for mining operations will comply towith R645-301-534.100 through R645-534.340.

After the new expansion facilities were completed, the existing loadout facility, including the truck scales, were dismantled and removed from the site. The oil storage shed will also be rehabilitated. The area was then regraded and repaved, allowing the Forest Service road to be re-established as a two-lane road. In addition, the existing roadway heading up to the truck turnaround area was widened by approximately 15 feet. This resulted in an additional third lane which can be used by the trucks as a stacking lane as they wait to be loaded. This will free up the existing road for unobstructed two way, two lane traffic to better accommodate public, Forest related use of the road.

The turn around area will also be widened to allow the trucks to turn in a standard counter-clockwise direction and thereby eliminate the present practice of clockwise cross traffic turn arounds.

The expanded coal storage capabilities and the new high-speed truck loading facilities now allow the trucks to be loaded in a continuous, uninterrupted basis, thereby eliminating the major cause of tie-ups and congestion.

### **5.35 Spoil**

There are no permanent refuse sites located on the property. All spoil is controlled and maintained as described in Section 5.28.30 and Section 7.54 of Chapter 7.

### **5.36 Coal Mine Waste**

See Section 5.28 of this chapter.

### **5.37 Regraded Slopes**

The following information supplied is incorporated within the currently approved mine plan and variances have been granted. If a slide should occur within the permit area, GENWAL will notify the regulatory authority and comply with the remedial measures required by the regulatory agency.

The applicant concurs, that 1:1 excavation slopes are not suitable in the superficial topsoil deposits and have included slope rounding of these slopes at 1.5:1. If the factor of safety of 0.72 was correct, most areas of the existing canyon would already have failed as the natural slope approaches 1:1 in the entire canyon. Any excavation slope greater than 1:1 (with exception of slope rounding) would be unrealistic and impose unnecessary impact far beyond the current limits. In many instances, a 1.5:1 excavation slope is not realistic as the topography of the canyon exceeds this value.

Careful monitoring of construction in critical areas will be necessary to identify and use the correct design profile (i.e., 1:1, 1/2:1, or 1/4:1 slopes). The stability of the recontoured slopes has been demonstrated by the interim reclamation in evidence at the property. A number of these slopes are in excess of the proposed 1.5 to 1 final reclamation contours and have been in place for overmore than ten (10) years. GENWAL will continue to observe these slopes and in the event that a failure occurs or evidence of instability is noted, such as sloughing, tension fractures, etc., all appropriate regulatory authorities will be notified and an acceptable plan to modify the proposed final reclamation contours will be agreed upon at a minimum of five (5) years prior to cessation of mining.

The roads are used to access the portal and substation areas and operations area as shown on Plate 5-3. Cut slopes of 0.25h:1v for competent bedrock, 0.5h:1v for fractured bedrock and 1h:1v for shallow surficial deposits less than four feet deep overlying bedrock are proposed for the portal access roads.

A slope stability investigation was submitted by Delta Geotechnical Consultants and is included as Appendix 5-19 with a safety factor of 0.72 for the shallow surficial deposits of the proposed 1:1 cut slopes. Since the safety factor does not comply with UMC 817.162 (e) requirements, cut slopes with 1:1 slopes will be rounded to 1.5:1 in the shallow superficial material. Appendix 5-16 is a stability analysis of the storage pad (upper pad) at the Crandall Canyon Mine prepared by EarthFax Engineering, Inc. A reclamation slope stability analysis has been prepared by JME Consultants and is included in Appendix 5-21. This analysis shows that the minimum static safety factor of 1.3 for the reclamation fill slopes will be met.

#### **5.40 Reclamation Plan**

NOTE: See Appendix 5-22(A) for the stand-alone reclamation plan for the East Mountain Emergency Drillpads and Access Roads. See Plate 1-1 for the location of these drillpads and access roads.

#### **5.41 General**

When no longer needed for mining operations, all entry ways or other openings to the surface from the underground mine will be sealed and backfilled. The permanent closures will be constructed to prevent access to the mine workings by people, livestock, and wildlife. Potential surface drainage will also be kept from entering the sealed entries.

Prior to final sealing of any openings, the BLM will require an on site inspection and a submission of formal sealing methods for approval of the BLM. The formal sealing methods will be presented as a plan including cross sections demonstrating the measures taken to seal or manage mine openings will comply with R645-301-529.100. At the time that the mine closure plan is submitted to the BLM, a copy will be forwarded to the Division for concurrence and approval and for addition to the mine plan on file. A copy will also be placed at the Emery County Recorder's office.

A formal plan will be submitted to the BLM for approval prior to final sealing of any openings. As per their on site inspection and plan approval, the openings will be sealed. All surface equipment, as well as structures, including all concrete foundations, will be removed by the applicant after the permanent cessation of operations.

#### **MW-1 Supply Well Abandonment**

Upon permanent cessation of mining operations, the water supply well, MW-1, will be permanently abandoned in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Utah Division of Water Rights. This will include filling of the well with a neat cement grout in accordance with the regulations.

## Temporary Cessation

If operations are to be temporarily suspended for 30 days or longer, the applicant will submit a notice of intention to the Division. This notice will include a description of the extent and nature of existing surface and underground disturbance prior to temporary cessation. The statement will also cover the type of reclamation which will have been accomplished to date and also include the type of ongoing monitoring, number of opening closures, water treatment activities and other topographic rehabilitative efforts which have been or will be undertaken during this period. The applicant will maintain and secure the surface facilities and mine openings.

GENWAL will implement the temporary cessation regulations as follows:

- (a) GENWAL shall effectively support and maintain all surface access openings to underground operations, and secure surface facilities in areas in which there are no current operations, ~~but~~. When conditions become more favorable, operations ~~are to~~ will be resumed under an approved permit. Temporary abandonment shall not relieve GENWAL of its obligation to comply with any provisions of the approved permit.
- (b) Before temporary cessation of mining and reclamation operations for a period of thirty days or more, or as soon as it is ~~down~~ known that a temporary cessation will extend beyond thirty days, GENWAL shall submit to the Division a notice of intention to cease or abandon operations. This notice shall include a statement of the exact number of surface acres and the horizontal and vertical extent of subsurface strata which have been in the permit area prior to cessation or abandonment, the extent and kind of reclamation of surface area which will have been accomplished, and identification of the backfilling, regrading, revegetation, environmental monitoring, underground opening closures, and water treatment activities that will continue during the temporary cessation.
- (c) Each mine entry which is temporarily inactive but has a further projected useful service under the approved permit application, shall be protected by barricades or other covering devices, fenced and posted with signs to prevent access into the entry and to identify the hazardous nature of the opening. These devices shall be periodically inspected and maintained in good operating condition by GENWAL.
- (d) Each exploration hole, other drill hole, bore hole, shaft, well or other exposed underground opening which has been identified in the approved permit application for use to return underground workings, or to be used to monitor ground water conditions, shall be temporarily sealed until required for actual use.
- (e) As a security measure, a 6' chainlink fence (located on plate 5-3) with barbed wire along the top will be installed around the perimeter of the main office building to deter trespassing by unauthorized persons, at any time during cessation it is deemed necessary to protect the property. Iron gates will also be installed to protect all doors on the main building and treatment plant building to keep unauthorized persons from entering the buildings.

## 5.42 Narratives, Maps, and Plans

### 5.42.10 Timetable

All reclamation, other than areas handled in interim reclamation, will commence with removal of the surface structures, redistribution of the cut and fill materials and final grading of disturbed surface areas. Within 30 days following completion of final grading (which should be in August), topsoil from the stockpile will be redistributed. Nutrients and soil amendments, if shown to be required by soil tests, shall be applied to the redistributed topsoil before the end of October. Seeding, transplanting and mulching will then proceed when moisture conditions are optimal for planting and seeding. Seeding will commence as soon as the seedbed is finished in the late fall. Tree planting will be done in conjunction with seeding or in the following spring, as soon as one can work the soil.

A reclamation sequence for the mine yard, including the proposed culvert expansion project, is described in Appendix 5-22.

#### Timetable-Reclamation Activities: First available season following cessation of mining

Normal Access- May 15,      Begin demolition- May 15  
    Structure removal- May 15 to June 30  
    Seal portals- Sept 1 to Sept 30  
    Asphalt Removal- June 15 to June 30  
    Earthwork/recontouring- May 15 to September 30  
    Topsoil redistribution- August 30 to Oct 15  
    Drainage Construction- Sept 1 to Sept 30  
    Hydroseeding- Sept 15 to Oct 30  
    Seeding/Planting- Oct 1 to Oct 30

Final Reclamation- (cessation of mining)

Year 1	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Struct. remove	_____					
Portal Seals					_____	
Asphalt remove		_____				
Earthwork/recontour	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>Construct foot bridge</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Topsoil redistribution/final grade					_____	_____
Drainage Construction					_____	
Seeding/Mulching						_____
Planting						_____

## **Year 2 through 10**

Vegetation Monitoring	<u>July 1 to August 30</u>
Hydrologic Monitoring	<u>June 1 to Oct 30 (4 times)</u>
Subsidence Monitoring	<u>July 1 to Oct 30</u>

### **5.42.20 through 5.42.32 Final Surface Configuration**

All areas affected by surface operations will be graded and restored to approximate original contour. All final grading will be done along the contour to minimize erosion and instability unless this operation becomes hazardous to the equipment operators. Backfilling and grading will proceed so as to eliminate the cut slopes and highwalls. Refer to Plates ~~5-16~~, ~~5-17A~~, ~~5-17B~~, ~~5-17C~~ and ~~5-17AD~~. The proposed culvert expansion project will supply all backfill material needed to achieve approximate original contour and to reclaim existing highwalls.

A reclamation map showing post construction interim reclamation area, Plate 7-5, and final reclamation, ~~Plates 5-16~~, ~~Plate~~ 5-17, and 5-17A ~~through 5-17D~~, accompanies this document. Slope rounding on Plate 5-3 has been revised to meet the required slope of 1.5:1 at the specified reclaimed cross sections.

#### **Interim Reclamation**

All surface areas disturbed during construction and which are not needed for mining operations were revegetated in the fall of the year following completion of the construction. This revegetation was performed as described in Chapter 3 of this document.

Disturbed areas within the mine plan area that contribute water directly to the sediment pond have undergone interim reclamation. The goal of this reclamation was to achieve vegetative cover that will minimize erosion thus reducing the amount of soil material entering the sediment pond. To achieve this goal, a standard of 80% vegetative cover was met. Ocular estimates of cover are made each fall (early September) to determine if supplemental seeding is warranted.

A reclamation map showing post construction interim reclamation areas and final reclamation accompanies this chapter as Plate 5-17. The correct number of acres to be revegetated in final reclamation is 8.73 acres.

### **5.42.40 Bond Release**

Before seeking bond release, GENWAL will provide a description of all temporary structures to be removed and reclaimed. No permanent sedimentation ponds, impoundments, and treatment

facilities that meet the requirements of the R645 rules for permanent structures will remain after final reclamation, Phase 2.

#### **5.42.50 Timetable and Plans, Removal of Sedimentation Pond**

The sediment pond will remain after the mining operations and through phase 1 reclamation until adequate revegetation has been established to control erosion. Reclaimed disturbedthe demolition and removal of all buildings and structures slated for removal. Furthermore, the sediment pond will remain through a portion of the earthwork/recontouring phase of reclamation, as the earthwork will begin at the up-canyon end of the site. Disturbed area drainages will be routed to the pond and diversions will be maintained to preserve the integrity of the pond until requirements of R645-301-763.100 have been met. These diversions can be found on Plate 5-16 and 7-5.

Upon approval of phase 1 revegetation as long as possible.

Shortly before the earthwork progression reaches the pond, the sediment pond will be cleaned out and the material disposed of in the approved method. The sediment which accumulates in Once the sediment pond as a result of runoff from the reclaimed area should only be topsoil that has eroded from the reclaimed site (care will be taken not to mix the pond liner with this topsoil). This topsoil will be excavated, stockpiled and allowed to dry. Once the topsoil has been dried the sedimenthas been cleaned satisfactorily, the pond will be removed and the area regraded to remove any capability to impound water. Topsoil will be redistributed over the reclaimed sediment pond site and the area reseeded.

Removal of the sediment pond was included during final reclamation to comply with the direct request of the Price Office of the U.S. Forest Service.

#### **5.42.60 Roads**

The Forest Service Development Road from Huntington Creek to the Forest Service turn around will remain as part of the post mining land use in accordance with the Forest Service permit shown in Appendix 1-2. During reclamation, the Forest Service access road will be altered to comply with the special use permit. GENWAL has and maintains a "reclamation" bond with the Forest Service which covers the costs for the proposed post-mining road configuration.

As stipulated in the existing Forest Service special use permit (8/26/89) covering the road, during final reclamation the width of the road surface within the permit area will be reduced from a 27-foot subgrade and 22 foot running surface to a 20-foot subgrade and 14 foot running surface. Asphalt and subgrade removed from the permit area as part of this road narrowing will be taken to a RCRA-approved disposal site.

Based on recentupon past correspondence, the Forest Service now has indicates d that it prefers to have the asphalt totally removed from the road surface upon final reclamation. However, the presence of the memorial may dictate the road to be repaved. GENWAL commits to reclaiming the

road through the ~~minesite~~mine site to the specifications stated in the Road Use Permit at the time of final reclamation.

All other roads used for the operation of the Crandall Canyon Mine, within the permit boundaries, will be reclaimed in accordance with R645-301-542.610 through R645-301-542.640.

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#### 5.42.70 Final Abandonment of Mine Openings and Disposal Areas

The old truck loadout was dismantled once the new loadout facility became operational. The loadout structures were removed and the excess coal around the area was cleaned up and hauled to the new coal stockpile area. This area will provide a place to store material as well as snow and salt in the winter time.

After the new loadout facilities ~~was~~were constructed, the ~~existing~~old loadout area was removed and the area rehabilitated and cleaned up. These rehabilitation measures included d the following:

- a) The existing loadout facilities ~~will be~~were dismantled and removed from the site, including the coal bin, crushers, scalehouse and loading chute.
- b) The existing truck scale ~~will be~~was removed from the middle of the road and the roadway ~~will be~~was regraded and repaved.
- c) The existing oil shed ~~will be~~was rehabilitated and the roadway ~~will be~~was regraded and repaved in this area.
- d) The existing coal pile/storage area ~~will be~~was totally cleaned up. All coal and coal products ~~will be~~were removed. The area ~~will~~was then ~~be~~ swept and vacuumed.
- e) The hillside below the coal storage area ~~will be~~was dressed up. The mine discharge waterlines ~~will be~~were relocated in a more orderly fashion. Coal products ~~will~~bewere vacuumed from the hillside.

The old truck loadout area is the current location of the mine discharge water treatment area. This area will be reclaimed per Appendix 5-22 at final reclamation.

#### 5.42.71 Closure and Management of Mine Openings

When no longer needed for mining operations, all entry ways or other openings to the surface from the underground mine will be sealed and backfilled. Prior to the sealing of the mine openings, ~~all~~loose combustible material will be removed from the underground bathhouse. All structures that will interfere with sealing of the mine openings will also be removed. The permanent closures will be constructed to prevent access to the mine workings by people, livestock, and wildlife. Potential surface drainage will also be kept from entering the sealed entries.

~~AH~~Loose combustible material will be removed from underground where possible and hauled to a state approved land fill. The portals will be backfilled with soil and two rows of solid- concrete blocks placed across each entry and then backfilled to the surface and recontoured as shown on Plate 5-17. The block stoppings will be placed as far from the surface as is necessary to obtain a competent top and bottom.

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#### **5.42.72 through 5.42.742 Excess Waste**

All waste material generated from the removal of the structures will be removed from the property and sold as scrap or disposed of in a state approved land fill. See Section 5.28 of this chapter for more detail on excess waste and spoil.

#### **5.42.80 Estimate of Reclamation Costs**

Estimate of reclamation costs are included under Appendix 5-20.

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### **5.53 Backfilling and Grading**

Backfilling and regrading of disturbed lands has been designed to restore all disturbed areas affected by surface operations to the approximate original contour of the land. This is made possible by the fill material required by the 1997 facility expansion project. Reclamation of affected areas, including revegetation is outlined in Chapter 3, Section 3.41.

During reclamation, the subsoils or backfill material will be laid down in 12" to 18" lifts, unless noted otherwise in the drawings or appendices, and compacted through repeated travel by heavy equipment. This method has been utilized by a number of mines in the area and appears to give excellent compaction prior to topsoiling. In areas with slopes of less than 30%, the subsoil will be ripped to a depth of 18" prior to topsoil placement. In areas having average slopes of more than 30% the subsoil will be ripped to a depth of 12", where practical. Topsoil will then be redistributed in a manner that achieves an approximate, uniform stable thickness and other specifications stated in Chapter 2, Section 2.42 of this document.

#### **Removal or Reduction of Cut Slopes and Highwalls**

Prior to backfilling and grading of the highwall area above the portals and the cutslopes above the old coal loadout area and the pocket cuts at the south portals, existing shotcrete, wire mesh, clips, and other related material will be removed and disposed of in an appropriate manner. ~~All noncombustible material generated from the removal of shotcrete will be disposed of underground (within the mine) prior to the sealing of the portals.~~ All other waste generated will be removed and disposed of in an appropriate State permitted land fill.

Backfilling and grading will proceed so as to eliminate the cut slope, pocket cuts and highwall to the extent possible. Refer to Plate 5-3 for the highwall location. The cut slope above the coal stockpile area will be backfilled to match the approximate original contour with fill material from the Expansion Area pad. The Forest Service Trailhead Access Road will be left in place, but the surface will be modified to meet design specifications, as directed, by the Forest Service (see Appendix 1-2). See Plate 5-17 for the Forest Service road location.

The stability of the reclaimed highwall and cutslopes has a safety factor greater than 1.3 and is shown in Appendix 5-21.

No highwalls or remnants will remain after reclamation.

#### **Terracing and Erosion Control**

No terracing will be done. All final grading and surface preparation of overburden completed prior to the redistribution of the topsoil will be done along the contour to minimize erosion in areas with slopes less than 30%. In areas with slopes greater than 30% the grading, preparation and placement in a direction other than generally parallel to the contour will be used.

**Refuse Piles**

There are no refuse piles at the Crandall Canyon mine site.

**Surface Coal Mining**

There will be no surface coal mining at the Crandall Canyon Mine.

**5.60 Performance Standards**

All mining and reclamation operations at the Crandall Canyon Mine will be conducted in accordance with the R645 rules and this permit.

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**CHAPTER 5**

**FIGURES**

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Figure 5-4

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Figure 5-9

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**APPENDIX 5-20**

**Bond Estimate (DOGM Determination)**

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**APPENDIX 5-21**

**Reclamation Fill Stability Analysis at The Crandall Canyon Mine  
Emery County, Utah**

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March 12, 1997

**APPENDIX 5-22**

**Crandall Canyon Mine Site Reclamation Plan**

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**APPENDIX 5-23A**

**Blasting Plan**

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# **Crandall Canyon Mine**

## **Appendix 5-28**

### **Geotechnical Stability Analysis**

July 11, 2011

Dave Shaver  
West Ridge Resources, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1077  
Price, UT 84501

Re: Crandall Canyon Mine

Dear Mr. Shaver:

Slope Stability Analyses and Design Recommendations have been completed for the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah. The results of the study are summarized in the report transmitted herewith.

We appreciate the opportunity of providing this service for you. If there are any questions relating to the information contained herein, please call.

Sincerely,

RB&G ENGINEERING, INC.

  
Bradford E. Price, P.E.



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**CRANDALL CANYON MINE**  
Near Huntington, Utah

***Slope Stability Analyses and Design Recommendations***

**I. INTRODUCTION**

**1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

A slope stability analysis has been performed for a fill to be constructed as part of the rehabilitation of the Crandall Canyon Mine. The purpose and scope of this analysis was to provide recommendations relative to design and construction. The scope of work was limited to site reconnaissance and design analyses and recommendations.

**2. SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION**

The Crandall Canyon Mine is located about 14 miles northwest of Huntington, Utah. The mine portal is situated about 1 mile west of Highway 31 within a narrow canyon. The mine has been closed and it is our understanding that rehabilitation work is required. While the mine was in operation, the hillside in the vicinity of the mine portal was excavated. The cut surface of the hillside below the portal bench is about 80 feet high. The plan view base of the area excavated is trapezoidal in shape with average dimensions of about 80 feet by 120 feet.

The excavated materials consisted of overburden soils, weathered and competent bedrock. Rock bolts and shotcrete were installed in potentially unstable areas. At the time of our site visit (August 2009), the excavation appeared to be stable.

**3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

It is our understanding that rehabilitation of the mine requires that the exposed excavation in the vicinity of the portal be backfilled. The fill will generally restore the hillside to the slopes which existed prior to excavation.

## II. DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1. STABILITY ANALYSES

Subsurface investigations to determine the properties of the materials within the existing hillside were not performed. For purposes of this analysis, it has been assumed that the existing hillside is stable and that the critical failure surface will be contained within the added fill section. During the analyses, the bedrock materials within the existing hillside were assumed to have a unit weight of 150 pcf, an internal friction angle of 0 degrees and a cohesion value of 5000 psf.

It is our understanding that granular fill materials will be available to construct the fill. We have assumed that the fill material will have a total unit weight of about 135 pcf, internal friction angle of 36 degrees and 10 psf cohesion.

The 2002 USGS Seismic Hazard Deaggregation feature of the USGS web site was used to determine the mapped probabilistic peak ground acceleration (PGA) value for this site. The mapped PGA value is 0.16g for an event having a 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years. It is our opinion that the seismic event corresponding to this probability of exceedance is appropriate for this project. Stability analyses were performed using pseudo-static methods with acceleration equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the mapped PGA value.

It is our understanding that the existing road through the bottom of the canyon will remain after rehabilitation is complete. In order to leave the road at the present alignment, a fill slope of about 1.76H: 1V (Horizontal: Vertical) will be required. Stability analyses indicate that this slope will have a factor of safety against failure of about 1.33 provided that the fill materials used have strength parameters at least as great as those assumed. Pseudo-static seismic stability analysis resulted in a factor of safety of 1.12.

Figures illustrating the slope stability analyses are attached to this report along with a drawing showing plan and cross section views. It is our understanding that plans to fill the area between the portal bench and the top of the portal wall is being submitted separately and it will be noted from the attached drawing that the fill section analyzed extends from the roadway to the portal bench level. Recommended gradation properties and Atterberg limits for fill materials are shown on the drawings.

## 2. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

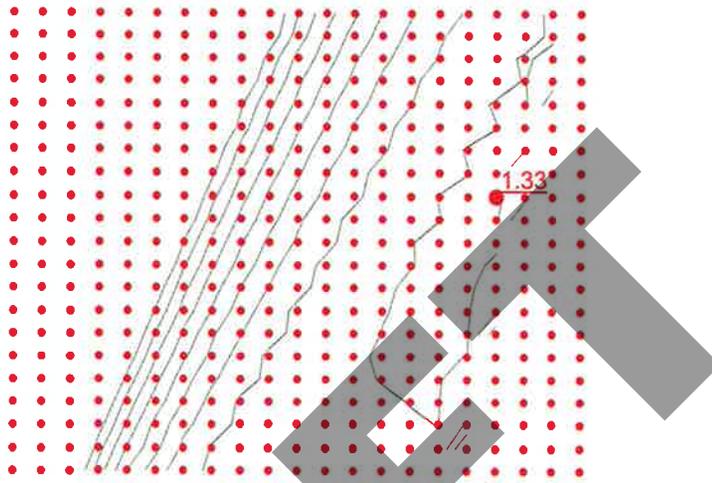
During the site visit, water was observed seeping from the existing slope. In order to prevent the fill materials from becoming saturated, it is recommended that a drainage layer be installed between the existing slope and the fill. The drainage layer should consist of clean well graded gravel and should be 2 feet thick measured perpendicular to the existing slope. The drain gravel layer should have at least 3 feet of cover to protect against frost and to inhibit infiltration of surface water. Slotted collection pipes should be placed within the drainage layer at the locations indicated on the plan sheet to collect the water and carry it outside the embankment. Details of the recommended drainage system are provided in the attached plan sheets.

It is our understanding that seepage from the hillside has been measured and recorded over the last 12 months. It has been reported to us that the measured seepage rates average about 3 gallons per minute and have not exceeded 5 gallons per minute. The drainage system shown on the drawings has been designed to carry at least 50 gallons per minute; however, the drainage system is intended to collect and channel only the water seeping from the existing hillside. If it is desired to place water collected from within the mine into the drainage system, larger pipes and thicker drainage layers will be required.

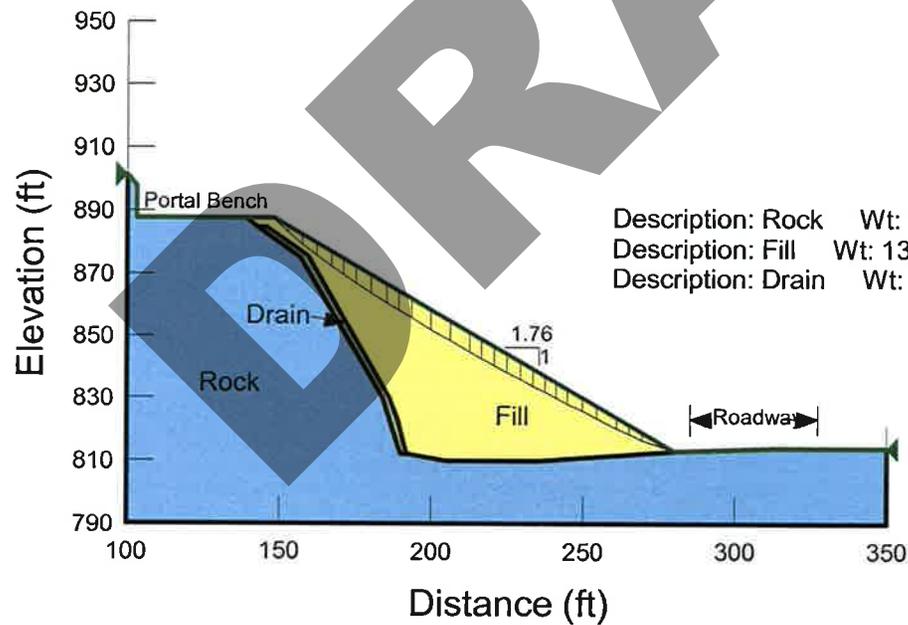
## 3. EMBANKMENT REQUIREMENTS

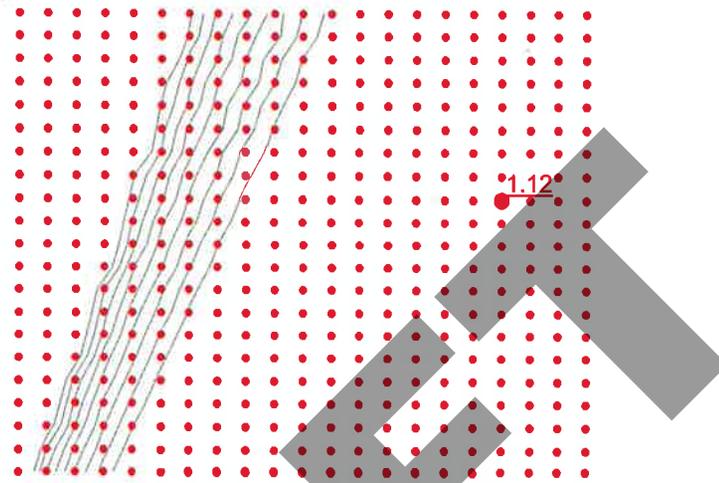
The soils used to construct the embankment should meet the gradation requirements and Atterberg limits shown on the attached plan sheet. The soils should be moisture conditioned to within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content and then spread in loose lifts not exceeding 12 inches thick. Each lift should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density. Optimum moisture content and dry density should be determined by the standard Proctor test (ASTM D 698). One to two density tests should be performed for each lift of fill to verify field compaction. If lifts are compacted with a smooth drum roller or otherwise become smooth or dry, the top 2 inches of the lifts should be scarified prior to placing the subsequent lift.

Gravel drain material used to construct the drainage system should be compacted. In order to compact against the existing slope, hand operated compaction equipment such as jumping jacks and/or walk behind rollers will likely be necessary. We recommend that gravel drain material to be compacted with hand equipment be placed in lifts not exceeding 8 inches in thickness. Each lift should be compacted with a minimum of 4 passes of the compaction equipment.

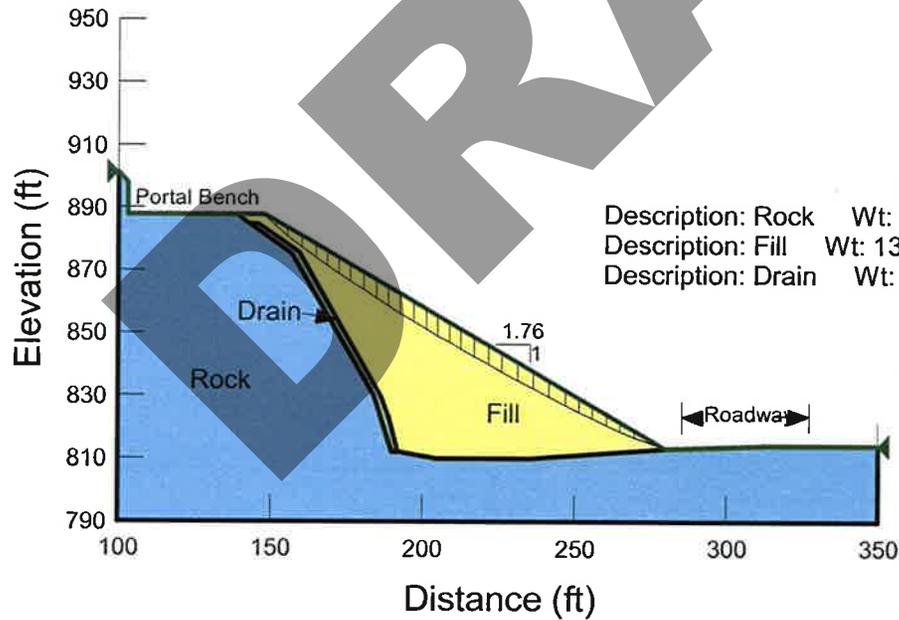


### Crandall Canyon Mine Slope Stability Static Conditions

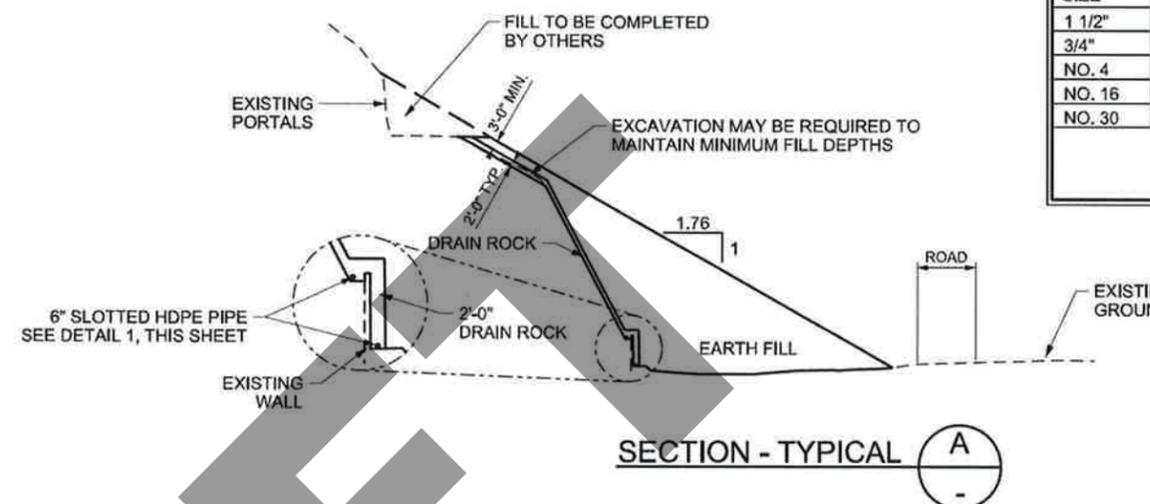
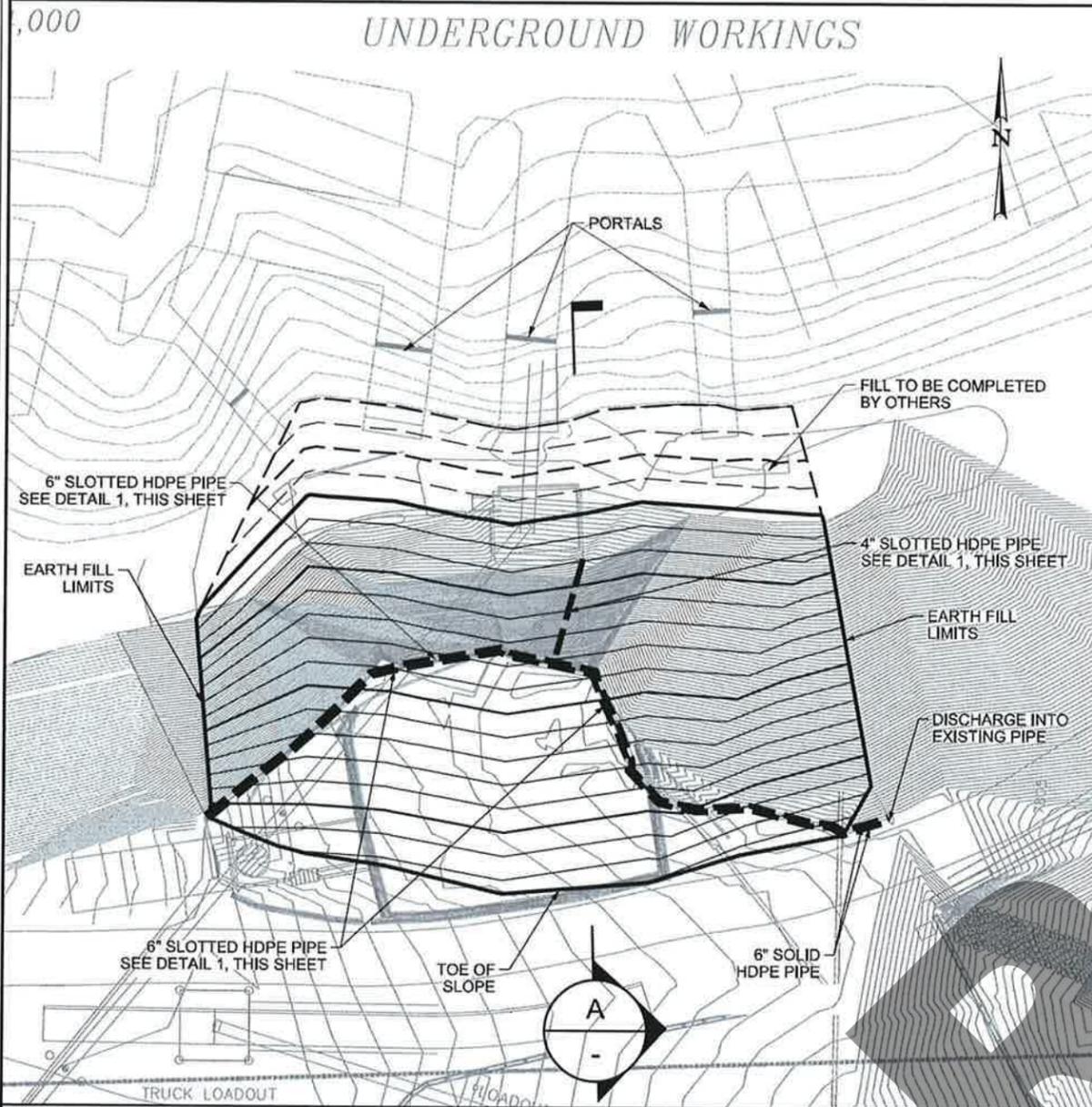




Crandall Canyon Mine Slope Stability  
 Seismic Condition  
 Pseudo-static Coefficient = 0.08g

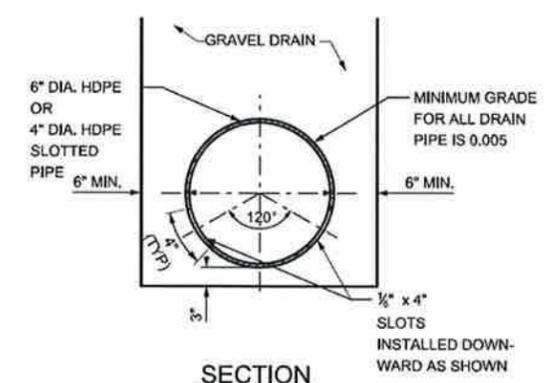
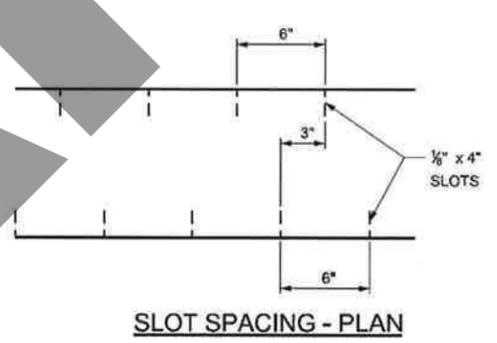


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GRADATION REQUIREMENTS			
GRAVEL DRAIN		EARTH FILL	
SIEVE SIZE	PERCENT PASSING	SIEVE SIZE	PERCENT PASSING
1 1/2"	100	6"	100
3/4"	70-100	3"	70-100
NO. 4	20-50	NO. 4	30-70
NO. 16	0-15	NO. 200	0-20
NO. 30	0-5		

PLASTICITY INDEX ≤ 6  
FRICTION ANGLE ≥ 36°



6" HDPE OR 4" HDPE SLOTTED PIPE

SLOTTED PIPE	1
DRAIN DETAIL	-

**NOTES:**

1. GENERAL
  - A. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE TO CONTROL ALL SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE WATER. INSURE THE SITE IS MAINTAINED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.
  - B. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE TO VERIFY ALL EXISTING CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TYPES, DIMENSIONS, ELEVATIONS AND CONDITIONS.
2. EARTHFILL
  - A. FOUNDATION SURFACES SHALL CONSIST OF ALL EXISTING SOIL OR ROCK MATERIALS TO BE WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF NEW CONSTRUCTION. VEGETATION, LOOSE OR OTHERWISE UNSUITABLE FOUNDATION MATERIALS SHALL BE STRIPPED BY THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO FILL PLACEMENT.
  - B. FILL SHALL NOT BE PLACED UPON A FROZEN SURFACE, NOR SHALL SNOW, ICE OR FROZEN MATERIAL BE INCORPORATED IN THE FILL.
  - C. FILL SHALL BE PLACED IN APPROXIMATELY HORIZONTAL LAYERS. THE THICKNESS OF EACH LAYER BEFORE COMPACTION SHALL NOT EXCEED 12 INCHES. THE THICKNESS OF EACH LAYER OF HAND COMPACTED FILL, INCLUDING FILL COMPACTED BY MANUALLY DIRECTED POWER TAMPERS, SHALL NOT EXCEED 8 INCHES.
  - D. EARTH FILL SHALL BE MOISTURE CONDITIONED TO WITHIN 2 PERCENT OF OPTIMUM MOISTURE CONTENT AS DETERMINED BY ASTM D698.
  - E. EARTH FILL SHALL BE COMPACTED TO 95% OF THE MAXIMUM LABORATORY DENSITY AS DETERMINED BY ASTM D698. FIELD COMPACTION SHALL BE VERIFIED BY AT LEAST 1 DENSITY TEST PER LIFT OF FILL.
  - F. GRAVEL DRAIN MATERIAL SHALL BE COMPACTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF ENGINEER. DRAIN MATERIAL SHALL BE COMPACTED WITH AT LEAST 4 PASSES OF THE COMPACTION EQUIPMENT.
  - G. GRAVEL DRAIN MATERIAL SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT LEAST 6 INCHES ABOVE SURROUNDING EARTHFILL MATERIAL.
  - H. GRAVEL DRAIN MATERIAL MAY BE OBTAINED FROM APPROVED SOURCES OF AGGREGATE FOR CONCRETE OR MAY BE PRODUCED FROM APPROVED DEPOSITS.
3. DRAIN PIPE
  - A. JOINTS SHALL BE MADE BY BUTT FUSION WHEN POSSIBLE. THE PIPE MANUFACTURER'S FUSION PROCEDURES SHALL BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES AS WELL AS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUSION MACHINE MANUFACTURER.
  - B. IF MECHANICAL FITTINGS ARE UTILIZED, THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MECHANICAL FITTING MANUFACTURER MUST BE FOLLOWED.
  - C. THE DIMENSION RATION (DR) OF THE SOLID AND SLOTTED DRAIN PIPES SHALL BE 11.
  - D. DRAIN PIPE SHALL HAVE SLOPE OF AT LEAST 0.5%. EARTH FILL MAY BE PLACED BENEATH GRAVEL DRAIN AT WEST END OF PIPE TO PROVIDE POSITIVE DRAINAGE.

**4. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

DRAIN ROCK	2,260 CU YDS.
EARTH FILL	12,783 CU YDS.
6" SLOTTED HDPE PIPE	574 LIN. FT.
6" SOLID HDPE PIPE	40 LIN. FT.
4" SLOTTED HDPE PIPE	46 LIN. FT.



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CRANDALL CANYON MINE  
SLOPE STABILITY

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APPENDIX 5-22

CRANDALL CANYON MINE SITE RECLAMATION PLAN

(Revised: September 12, 2018)

## CRANDALL CANYON MINE SITE RECLAMATION PLAN

~~Phase 1~~ HISTORICAL NOTE: Due to the tragic mine disaster of August 6, 2007, the Crandall Canyon Mine has been sealed. Water has gradually backed up in the mine and is now discharging from behind the portal seals. The discharge is under the authority of an approved UPDES permit. However, as of February 2009, the iron levels exceeded permit compliance limits. In December 2009, a treatment facility designed to remove the iron was constructed in the "Old Loadout Area," located directly below the mine portals. At the present time (September 2018), it is uncertain whether or not long-term treatment of the mine discharge water will be required because naturally-occurring chemical processes within the mine could potentially bring the iron content of the water to within compliance limits at some time in the future. The pre-treatment iron content of the mine-water discharge has been trending downward over the past several years.

This reclamation plan assumes that the mine-water discharge will continue indefinitely, and no iron-removal treatment will be required at the time of reclamation. Furthermore, this reclamation plan assumes that the UPDES discharge #002 has been relocated to the mouth of Crandall Canyon and discharges directly into Huntington Creek. Moving the location of discharge #002 is discussed in a separate appendix.

Also, as a result of the Crandall Canyon Mine disaster, Genwal has deeded a portion of the upper mine yard (Expansion Area) to Emery County. This area is now included as part of a permanent memorial to the deceased miners and rescuers, owned and maintained by Emery County. This area is included as a portion of the final reclamation plan for the mine.

### Final Reclamation

The reclamation of the disturbed areas of the Crandall Canyon mine site is described in an outline and in detail below. This description is based upon discussions in the text of Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, which address the regulations regarding reclamation requirements. In the interest of clarity, the following discussion describes the reclamation process in terms of several general areas within the mine yard. Refer to Figure 1 in this Appendix for a map delineating the different areas within the mine yard. Within each of these general areas, reclamation will follow the general sequence of 1) demolition, 2) backfilling, grading and topsoil application, 3) reclamation and revegetation. However, in practice, reclamation will be performed in several of these areas simultaneously. **The final step, reclamation and revegetation, for all the areas will not be done until the fall.**

~~Following Phase 1 reclamation, the only structures to remain will be the sedimentation pond and associated spillway and discharge structure as well as the conveyance ditches, berms and culverts necessary to route drainage to the pond. Refer to Plates 5-16 and 7-5 for location of these structures.~~

Genwal recognizes that development of a feasible reclamation plan for final reclamation of the expansion area -containing the best available reclamation methodology is an essential part of this permitting process. Therefore, Genwal has contacted consultants with revegetation and

reclamation experience to gather together the best reclamation techniques for reclamation of the steep-slope area. JBR Environmental Consultants, who has had prior experience with reclamation in difficult areas, has provided a letter detailing reclamation methodology that they believe will contribute to the successful reclamation of this area. This letter, included as Attachment 1, was written in response to Genwal's discussions held with JBR as the reclamation plan was being revised. Genwal feels that incorporation of the various reclamation techniques that JBR has identified as being successful in past situations will greatly enhance the success of this reclamation effort. Genwal also recognizes that in the time between now and when final reclamation is actually done, technology may evolve new and better reclamation ideas. Genwal commits to modifying the reclamation plan prior to final reclamation should better reclamation products and methodologymethodologies become available. This reclamation plan will be reviewed prior to its implementation to incorporate applicable methodology and techniques which are considered best technology currently available (BTCA) at the time of reclamation.

### Area Descriptions

The reclamation plan has been divided into several general areas for the purpose of explanation. It is likely that rReclamation efforts will most likely occur in multiple areas during the same time interval. These areas are depicted on in Figure 1 and described in summary below.

Portal Area:— The Portal Area consists of an inclined access road, the mine portals leading into the underground mine, and structures in this area.

Expansion Area:— In 1997, the surface facilities will have beenwere expanded to the area south of the Forest Service road by culverting approximately 1,500' of the Crandall CanyonCreek through a 72" bypass culvert. Earthen fill material will have beenwas trucked in to construct the Expansion Area. The truck loadout facilities will have beenwere relocated to the Expansion Area along with the Overhead Conveyor, Stacking tTube, Reclaim Tunnel and Conveyor, Crusher Building, MCC Building, Substation, and other associated structures. The fill from the Expansion Area will be utilized during final reclamation to restore approximate original contour in areas of cuts and highwalls. This fill willmaterial consists of 8" x 0" earth and rock materials s obtained from an approved off-site borrow area.

The Expansion Area has been divided into a North Slope Expansion Area and South Slope Expansion Area for the purposes of the reclamation discussion. The North Slope Expansion Area is thate area north of the existing Crandall Creek and south of the existing Forest Service road. The South Slope Expansion Area includes the steeper hillside located south of the existing Crandall Creek. Due to the steep slopes encountered on the South Slope, special reclamation procedures have been prescribed for this area. Much of the reclamation plan designed for the South Slope is based on input from reclamation specialists who have experience in steep-slope reclamation situations.

Old Substation Area: The Old Substation Area is the pad that was originally constructed in the northern part of the mine yard above the shop for a substation. However, the substation was never constructed at this location. Other than an existing powerlinepower line, there are no

facilities on this site to be removed and the area has had interim revegetation.

Old Loadout Area: The Old Loadout Area is located adjacent to and just north of the Forest Service road and the new loadout. This is the area where coal was previously stockpiled and loaded into trucks prior to construction of the 1997 expansion area.

The water treatment plant for mine discharge water is currently located in this area. Upon final reclamation, this area will be reclaimed per this plan.

Forest Service Road: The Forest Service Road runs east-west through the mine site. The road is to be kept in place following reclamation activities, but will undergo a change in width per the Forest Service permit.

Shop Area: The Shop Area is located west of the mine portal area and north of the Forest Service Road. Facilities to be removed from the Shop area include: Shop/Warehouse bBuilding, Substation, Rock Dust Bin, Oil Shed, concrete retaining wall and parking lot asphalt.

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## RECLAMATION PLAN OUTLINE

1. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - ~~Portal Area~~
- ~~2. Removal and Disposal of Expansion Area Fill Material inside Mine Portals~~
- ~~3. Seal and Backfill Portals~~
- ~~4. Old Loadout Area~~
- ~~2. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Portal Area~~
- ~~5. Revegetation - Portal Area~~
- ~~6. Demolition - Old Substation Area~~
- ~~7. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Old Substation Area~~
- ~~8. Revegetation - Old Substation Area~~
- ~~9. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - Shop Area~~
- ~~10. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Shop Area~~
- ~~11. Revegetation - Shop Area~~
- ~~12. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - Old Loadout Area~~
- ~~13. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Old Loadout Area~~
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- ~~4. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - Portal Area~~
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- ~~7. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Portal Area~~
- ~~8. Revegetation - Portal Area~~
- ~~9. Demolition - Old Substation Area~~
- ~~10. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Old Substation Area~~
- ~~11. Revegetation - Old Substation Area~~
- ~~12. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - Shop Area~~
- ~~13. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Shop Area~~
- ~~14. Revegetation - Shop Area~~
15. Reclaim Forest Service Road North of Expansion Area
16. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - Expansion Area
17. Removal of Fill Material and Recontouring - Expansion Area
18. Restoration of South and North Hillside Slopes - Expansion Area
- ~~19. 19. Construction of a new Foot Bridge to access the Memorial~~
- ~~20. Revegetation - South Slope of Expansion Area~~
- ~~21. Removal and Disposal of 72" Culvert~~
- ~~22. Topsoiling - North Slope of the Expansion Area~~
- ~~23. Revegetation - North Slope of the Expansion Area~~
- ~~24. Restoration of the Stream Channel~~
- ~~25. Revegetation of the Stream Channel~~
- ~~26. Sediment Control and Treatment~~
- ~~27. Topsoil Stockpile Reclamation~~
- ~~27. Phase 2 Reclamation~~

Note: A Reclamation Timetable has been provided at the end of this discussion.

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## RECLAMATION PLAN DETAIL

### 1. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - Portal Old Loadout Area

When mining operations have been permanently ceased, and the portals and surface facilities are no longer needed to support the mine, all buildings and other structures will be dismantled and hauled off-site to an approved landfill. Reusable materials will be salvaged and recycled to the extent possible. Structures, including the overhead conveyor and storage shed, will be removed from the Old Loadout Area, as well as other mine-related structures.

It is assumed that at the time of final reclamation, the iron treatment facilities for the mine discharge water will already have been removed and disposed of as part of the mine water discharge relocation of UPDES Discharge #002. This relocation is discussed in a separate appendix of this MRP.

All asphalt removed from the site will be disposed of in an approved RCRA disposal site. A portion of the existing coal pile retaining wall will be removed, loaded onto trucks and hauled to an approved landfill. That portion of the retaining wall that will not be removed will be buried under a minimum of four feet of backfill material.

Equipment used in the demolition and disposal of the facilities include: a front end loader, a backhoe, highway end dump trucks, a trackhoe, crane, and truck with a flat bed trailer.

### 2. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Old Loadout Area

With the retaining wall removed, reclamation activities can continue at the Old Loadout Area. The cut slope behind the retaining wall will be backfilled to approximate original contour using fill material from the Expansion Area. The lifts will be built up horizontally with a slight incline on each lift toward the existing cut slope. A drainage system for the water seeping from the ledge will be installed as the cut slope is built up (see Appendix 5-28). A continuous layer of woven geotextile fabric will separate the ledge drainage system from the fill material. The piping for the mine water discharge system will be placed a minimum of two (2) feet above the geotextile fabric barrier. The dozer/loader will spread the material in lifts not to exceed 8 inches in thickness, and compacted to 95% of the maximum dry density per Appendix 5-28. Near the top of the slope, a backhoe will be used to place and compact the final lift. Before placing topsoil on the final backfilled surface, the surface will be roughened with the backhoe bucket to prevent slippage of the topsoil layer and promote root penetration.

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Genwal has committed to adding nutrients as determined by laboratory analysis conducted on topsoil samples taken before topsoil redistribution and during final reclamation. The method used to ensure adequate and representative samples from different locations and depths within the topsoil stockpile include: taking two soil samples per stockpile and collecting

samples with a soil auger at two foot increments. Samples of the undisturbed soil adjacent to the regraded site will also be taken for a baseline chemical reference. Fertilizer will be added to the redistributed topsoil as indicated by laboratory results of the most needful increment.

The areas to be topsoiled will be marked with stakes indicating the depth of application. A reclamation supervisor will oversee the topsoil redistribution operation. Topsoil will be left in a roughened condition prior to seeding to minimize compaction and erosion as well as promote infiltration of precipitation.

### **143. Revegetation - Old Loadout Area**

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Revegetation procedures for the Old Loadout Area, and most reclaimed areas, involves a four-step program: 1) application of fertilizer (if laboratory testing indicates a need), 2) hydroseed, 3) hydromulch the entire area with a wood fiber mulch to stabilize soil during vegetative growth and control runoff, 4) plant containerized stock to further stabilize the soil and provide vegetative diversity. Hydroseeding will combine the tackifier and small amount of mulch with the seed mix (to mark the area of coverage) during application to the redistributed topsoil. All seed utilized on the site will be certified pure live seed. After the seeding step, the mulch (wood fiber and hay/straw) and tackifier will be applied to the seedbed surface. The plant containerized stock will be planted in the second year of reclamation. Note: Revegetation work will not be done until fall (September-October).

### **4. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - Portal Area**

At the Portal Area, facilities to be removed are: underground bath house, mine fan, fan transformers (portable), belt transfer station, guard rail at topatop and along access road, water pipelines, and the diversion culvert above portals, and fencing around the portal bench. The piping for the mine water discharge will remain so long as water is still discharging from the mine.

The existing shotcrete above the portal road, above the portals and above the old coal loadout area, along with wire mesh, clips and other similar materials will be removed and disposed of in an appropriate state approved landfill underground within the existing mine workings.

All loose combustible materials will be removed from the underground bathhouse, where possible, and hauled to an approved solid waste landfill. Any structures that would interfere with sealing of the portals, such as beltline structure, would will also be removed.

Equipment used in the demolition and disposal of the facilities include: a front end loader, a backhoe, highway end dump trucks, a trackhoe, a crane, a truck with a flat bed trailer, oxy-acetylene torches, air compressor and power tools, etc.

## **5. Removal and Disposal of Expansion Area Fill Material inside Mine Portals**

At the same time the structures in the portal area are being demolished and removed, the other surface facility structures located on the Expansion Area (truck loadout, conveyors, crusher building, etc.) will also be removed. After the removal of these structures from the Expansion Area, excess fill material from this area will be taken inside the mine entries for permanent placement [Note: Reclamation of the Expansion Area is described in greater detail later in this plan]. Fill material, in excess of that needed for backfilling the Portal Area, Shop Area and Old Loadout Area (an estimated ~~20,410~~52,000 loose cubic yards, ~~Table 5-20-10 in Appendix 5-20~~) will be loaded, hauled and disposed of underground in the ~~mine workings (see Figure 1 in Appendix 5-20 for the disposal area in the mine workings.)~~  
South Mains of the Princess Mine workings.

**Note: The Princess Mine is currently sealed due to temporary cessation. This plan assumes that the Princess Mine will be reopened and mined prior to final reclamation. In the improbable event that the Princess Mine is not reopened prior to final reclamation, excess fill material will be removed from the mine site and hauled to a State-approved location, in lieu of placement within the mine workings as noted above.**

The equipment used in the performance of this step would be a l-h-d unit (scoop), dozer w/ripper, and a front end loader.

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#### **6. Seal and Backfill Portals**

Upon the completion of the disposal of the excess Expansion Area fill material in the mine workings (or removed to an approved site as noted above), the portals will be sealed and backfilled. The four portals on the north side are: bath house entrance, intake air entry, belt entry and fan (return air) entry. The three portals on the south side are the intake, belt and fan entries. The Any new seals (as required) will be constructed approximately 25-35 feet inby from the portal openings, and will be built according to MSHA regulations. Equipment necessary for sealing the portals would be a cement mixer and hand tools. After finishing the construction of the seals, the 25 to 35 feet of entry from the portals to the seals will be backfilled with additional fill material from the Expansion Area.

#### **47. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Portal Area**

Once the portals have been sealed and backfilled, reclamation work can then commence on the Portal Area. This work consists of backfilling the cuts to approximate original contour, placing topsoil on the backfilled area and seeding the topsoiled area. Since the Portal Area (and the associated access road) is on a slope, this work will be done in short segments starting at the eastern-most (upper-most) portion of the area, blending the new fill material with the already in-place fill at the Old Loadout Area, and working westward across the portal area and thence down the access road to the Shop Area. Fill material from the Expansion Area will be utilized to backfill and reclaim the highwall a Portal Area. The fill material will contain rock fragments of all sizes, including a significant amount of 6" to 8" rock fragments. These rocks will assist in providing slope stability and aid revegetation by helping to retain moisture. The fill material will be topped with 12" of topsoil material to promote plant growth.

Mobile heavy equipment will be utilized to move and place fill in highwall and yard areas and the south portal pocket cuts. A front end loader and end dumps will be used to remove fill material from the Expansion Area and haul the material up to the Portal Area. The lifts will be built up horizontally with a slight slope on each lift toward the highwall. Material will be spread into lifts of 18 to 24 inches deep not to exceed 12 inches in thickness, and compacted to 95% of the maximum dry density. The loader will compact each lift as the next lift is put in. A backhoe will be used to place and compact the final lift. Before placing topsoil on the final backfilled surface, that surface will be roughened with the backhoe bucket. This will help prevent slippage of the topsoil layer and promote root penetration.

Genwal has committed to adding nutrients as determined by laboratory analysis conducted on topsoil samples taken before topsoil redistribution and during final reclamation. The method used to ensure adequate and representative samples from different locations and depths within the topsoil stockpile include: taking two soil samples per stockpile and collecting samples with a soil auger at two foot increments. Samples of the undisturbed soil adjacent to the regraded site will also be taken for a baseline chemical reference. **Fertilizer will be added to the redistributed topsoil, prior to seeding, if a need is indicated by laboratory results. The fertilizer will be spread on the redistributed topsoil and either disked or hand-raked into the soil (depending on the steepness of the slope).**

Areas to receive topsoil will be marked with stakes indicating the depth of application. A  
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reclamation supervisor will oversee the topsoil redistribution operation. Topsoil will be left in a roughened condition prior to seeding to minimize compaction and erosion as well as promote infiltration of precipitation.

#### **58. Revegetation - Portal Area**

Revegetation procedures for the Portal Area and the south portal pocket cuts involves a **four-step** program: **1)** application of fertilizer (if laboratory testing indicates a need), **2)** hydroseed, **3)** hydromulch the entire area with a wood fiber mulch to stabilize soils during vegetative growth and control runoff, **4)** plant containerized stock to further stabilize the soil and provide vegetative diversity. **Hydroseeding will combine the tackifier and small amount of mulch with the seed mix (to mark the area of coverage) during application to the redistributed topsoil.** All seed utilized on the site will be certified pure live seed. After the seeding step, the mulch (wood fiber and hay/straw) and tackifier will be applied to the seedbed surface. The plant containerized stock will be planted in the second year of reclamation. **Revegetation work will not be done until fall (September-October).**

#### **69. Demolition - Old Substation Area**

The only structures existing at the Old Substation Area is the termination structure for the mine ~~powerline~~power line. This ~~powerline~~power line will be dismantled and removed from the site prior to completion of final reclamation.

#### **710. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Old Substation Area**

As excess fill from the Expansion Area is placed in the underground mine workings (if possible; see Item #5 of this appendix), additional fill material from the Expansion Area will be ~~hauled to the Old Substation Area~~used for backfilling areas or hauled to an approved off-site location. The cut slope above the pad will be backfilled to the approximate original contour. The area will then be topsoiled and revegetated.

Genwal has committed to adding nutrients as determined by laboratory analysis conducted on topsoil samples taken before topsoil redistribution and during final reclamation. The method used to ensure adequate and representative samples from different locations and depths within the topsoil stockpile include: taking two soil samples per stockpile and collecting samples with a soil auger at two foot increments. Samples of the undisturbed soil adjacent to the regraded site will also be taken for a baseline chemical reference. Fertilizer will be added to the redistributed topsoil as indicated by laboratory results of the most needful increment.

The areas to be topsoiled will be marked with stakes indicating the depth of application. A reclamation supervisor will oversee the topsoil redistribution operation. Topsoil will be left in a

roughened condition prior to seeding to minimize compaction and erosion as well as promote infiltration of precipitation.

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### **811. Revegetation - Old Substation Area**

Revegetation procedures for the Old Substation Area involves a **four-step** program: **1)** application of fertilizer (if laboratory testing indicates a need), **2)** hydroseed, **3)** hydromulch the entire area with a wood fiber mulch to stabilize soils during vegetative growth and control runoff, **4)** plant containerized stock to further stabilize the soil and provide vegetative diversity. **Hydroseeding will combine the tackifier and small amount of mulch with the seed mix (to mark the area of coverage) during application to the redistributed topsoil.** All seed utilized on the site will be certified pure live seed. After the seeding step, the mulch (wood fiber and hay/straw) and tackifier will be applied to the seedbed surface. The plant containerized stock will be planted in the second year of reclamation. **Revegetation work will not be done until fall (September-October).**

### **912. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - Shop Area**

Facilities to be removed from the Shop area include: Shop/Warehouse **b**Building, Substation, Rock Dust Bin, Oil Shed and parking lot asphalt. All structures will be removed from the site. Some components will be salvaged and recycled. Non-salvageable material will be disposed of in an approved solid waste landfill. All asphalt removed from the site will be disposed on in an approved RCRA disposal site.

A portion of the retaining wall which separates the Shop Area from the Forest Service Road will be removed, loaded onto trucks and hauled to an approved landfill. That portion not removed will be buried under a minimum of four feet of backfill material.

Equipment used in the demolition and disposal of the facilities include: a front end loader, a backhoe, highway end dump trucks, a trackhoe, crane, truck with flat bed trailer, oxy-acetylene torches, air compressor and power tools, etc.

### **103. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Shop Area**

With the Portal Area and Old Substation Area reclamation completed, and the retaining wall removed, the reclamation activities can continue at the Shop Area. Although this area is not as steep as the previous areas, the same reclamation procedures will be used. The cut slope behind the shop will be backfilled to approximate original contour using fill material from the Expansion Area. The lifts will be built up horizontally with a slight incline on each lift toward the existing cut slope. The dozer/loader will spread the material in lifts **of 18 to 24 inches deep not to exceed 12 inches in thickness, and compacted to 95% of the maximum dry density.** The mobile equipment will compact each lift as the next lift is put in. Near the top of the slope, a backhoe will be used to place and compact the final lift. Before placing topsoil on the final

backfilled surface, the surface will be roughened with the backhoe bucket to prevent slippage of the topsoil layer and promote root penetration.

Genwal has committed to adding nutrients as determined by laboratory analysis conducted on topsoil samples taken before topsoil redistribution and during final reclamation. The method used to ensure adequate and representative samples from different locations and depths within the topsoil stockpile include: taking two soil samples per stockpile and collecting samples with a soil auger at two foot increments. Samples of the undisturbed soil adjacent to the regraded site will also be taken for a baseline chemical reference. Fertilizer will be added to the redistributed topsoil as indicated by laboratory results of the most needful increment.

The areas to be topsoiled will be marked with stakes indicating the depth of application. A reclamation supervisor will oversee the topsoil redistribution operation. Topsoil will be left in a roughened condition prior to seeding to minimize compaction and erosion as well as promote infiltration of precipitation.

#### **11.4. Revegetation - Shop Area**

Revegetation procedures for the Shop Area involves a **four-step** program: **1)** application of fertilizer (if laboratory testing indicates a need), **2)** hydroseed, **3)** hydromulch the entire area with a wood fiber mulch to stabilize soil during vegetative growth and control runoff, **4)** plant containerized stock to further stabilize the soil and provide vegetative diversity. **Hydroseeding will combine the tackifier and small amount of mulch with the seed mix (to mark the area of coverage) during application to the redistributed topsoil.** All seed utilized on the site will be certified pure live seed. After the seeding step, the mulch (wood fiber and hay/straw) and tackifier will be applied to the seedbed surface. The plant containerized stock will be planted in the second year of reclamation. **Revegetation work will not be done until fall (September-October).**

#### **12. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - Old Loadout Area**

~~At the time of final reclamation, the facilities at the Old Loadout Area will have already been removed and disposed of as part of the 1997 Surface Expansion Project. All asphalt removed from the site will be disposed on in an approved RCRA disposal site. A portion of the existing coal pile retaining wall will be removed, loaded onto trucks and hauled to an approved landfill. That portion not removed will be buried under a minimum of four feet of backfill material.~~

~~Equipment used in the demolition and disposal of the facilities include: a front end loader, a backhoe, highway end dump trucks, a trackhoe, crane, and truck with flat bed trailer.~~

#### **13. Backfill, Grade and Topsoil - Old Loadout Area**

~~With the retaining wall removed, reclamation activities can continue at the Old Loadout Area. The same reclamation procedures will be used as described previously. The cut slope behind the retaining wall will be backfilled to approximate original contour using fill material from the Expansion Area. The lifts will be built up horizontally with a slight incline on each lift toward the existing cut slope. The dozer/loader will spread the material in lifts of 18 to 24 inches deep. The mobile equipment will compact each lift as the next lift is put in. Near the top of the slope, a backhoe will be used to place and compact the final lift. Before placing topsoil on the final backfilled surface, the surface will be roughened with the backhoe bucket to prevent slippage of the topsoil layer and promote root penetration.~~

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~~Revegetation procedures for the Old Loadout Area involves a **four step** program: **1) application of fertilizer (if laboratory testing indicates a need), 2) hydroseed, 3) hydromulch** the entire area with a wood fiber mulch to stabilize soil during vegetative growth and control runoff, **4) plant containerized stock to further stabilize the soil and provide vegetative diversity. Hydroseeding will combine the tackifier and small amount of mulch with the seed mix (to mark the area of coverage) during application to the redistributed topsoil.** All seed utilized on the site will be certified pure live seed. After the seeding step, the mulch (wood fiber and hay/straw) and tackifier will be applied to the seedbed surface. The plant containerized stock will be planted in the second year of reclamation. **Revegetation work will not be done until fall (September-October).**~~

## **15. Reclaim Forest Service Road North of Expansion Area**

The Forest Service road from the trailhead/turnaround will be reclaimed according to the Special Use Permit. As stipulated in the existing Forest Service special use permit (8/26/89) covering the road, during final reclamation the width of the asphalt road surface within the permit area will be reduced from a 27-foot subgrade and 22-foot wide running surface to a 20-foot subgrade and 14 foot running surface. Asphalt removed from the permit area as part of this road narrowing will be taken to an approved RCRA disposal site. The reclaimed area will be topsoiled and revegetated as described above.

Genwal is currently in the process of attaining a new Special Use Permit for use of the Forest Service Road. Based on recent upon pervious correspondence, the Forest Service now has indicatesd that it prefers to have the asphalt totally removed from the road surface upon final reclamation. This position differs from the stipulations of the existing past Forest Service Special Use Permit that requiresd that a 14' asphalt running surface be left in place upon final reclamation. Genwal commits to reclaiming the road through the minesite to any the standard desired by the Forest Service at the time of final reclamation. At As the final road parameters are not known at the present time, however, it is difficult for Genwal to commit to a reclamation standard for the road that is contrary to the existing Forest Service this plan follows the road parameters of the pervious Special Use Permit with a 14' wide running asphalt surface. The reclamation plan will be adjusted as necessary if the forthcoming Special Use Permit deviates from the current design.

## 16. Demolition and Removal of Surface Facilities - Expansion Area

The facilities to be removed from the Expansion Area are: the overhead conveyors, stacking tube, reclaim vault and tunnel/escapeway tube, crusher building, MCC building, loadout conveyor, truck loadout and loading platform. Removal of these facilities will take place simultaneously with removal of facilities from the aforementioned areas. ~~After these surface facilities are removed, the only structures that will remain will be the sedimentation pond and associated spillway and discharge structure as well as the conveyance ditches, berms and culverts necessary to route drainage to the pond. Refer to Plates 5-16 and 7-5 for location of these structures.~~

Equipment used in the demolition and disposal of the facilities include: a front end loader, a backhoe, highway end dump trucks, a trackhoe, a crane, truck with flat bed trailer, oxy-acetylene torches, air compressor and power tools, etc.

## 17. Removal of Fill Material and Recontouring - Expansion Area

Reclamation of the Expansion Area (which includes the south portal access ramp) is different from the other reclaimed areas because restoration of the approximate original contour involves removal of fill material rather than placement of backfill material. As described in the preceding sections, fill material removed from the Expansion Area will be used to regrade and restore approximate original contour at the Portal Area, Old Substation Area, Shop Area, and the Old Loadout Area. Therefore, these reclamation operations will be accomplished simultaneously. Expansion Area fill that is not slated for use as backfill for the aforementioned areas (i.e., excess fill) will be disposed of in the underground mine workings or hauled off-site as described previously.

Reclamation of the Expansion Area involves three separate procedures involving three separate areas: the North Slope of the Expansion Area, the Crandall Creek Channel Area, and the South Slope of the Expansion Area. As described previously, the North Slope Expansion Area is that area north of the existing Crandall Creek and south of the existing Forest Service road. The South Slope Expansion Area includes the steeper hillside located south of the existing Crandall Creek and the south portal area. The Crandall Creek Channel Area is the area within and immediately on either side of the existing creek channel.

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Reclamation of the North Slope Expansion Area will follow the normal reclamation procedures described above for the other general areas (i.e., regrading, topsoiling and revegetation). Reclamation on the steeper than normal slopes of the South Slope Expansion Area will involve a different reclamation technique which is designed to revitalize the existing left-in-place topsoil. Reclamation of the Crandall Creek Channel Area is also designed to revitalize the existing left-in-place topsoil and restore the previous channel morphology.

## 18. Restoration of South and North Hillside Slopes - Expansion Area

*Five years prior to beginning reclamation operations, Genwal will consult with the Division to re-evaluate the techniques and practices being proposed for the Expansion Area. This consultation will include forming a task force of members with various areas of reclamation expertise to review the reclamation plan and recommend the best and most suitable reclamation techniques and products available at that time. The review and consultation will re-assess and revise, where needed, the existing approved reclamation plan to provide the best and most appropriate reclamation measures for the site.*

*At the time of final reclamation, all surface facilities located on the Expansion Area pad will be disassembled and removed from the site. In the area of the (then removed) coal stockpile, all coal will be removed from the small adjacent slope area where the south flank of the coal pile had previously rested. Prior to reclaiming this area, all coal fines will be vacuumed from the surface. Using the existing pad as a work surface, a 12" layer of topsoil will then be reapplied to the disturbed area. Areas to receive topsoil will be marked with stakes indicating the depth of application. A reclamation supervisor will oversee the topsoil redistribution operation. Topsoil will be left in a roughened condition prior to seeding to minimize compaction and erosion as well as promote infiltration of precipitation.*

*Genwal has committed to adding nutrients as determined by laboratory analysis conducted on topsoil samples taken before topsoil redistribution and during final reclamation. The method used to ensure adequate and representative samples from different locations and depths within the topsoil stockpile include: taking two soil samples per stockpile and collecting samples with a soil auger at two foot increments. Samples of the undisturbed soil adjacent to the regraded site will also be taken for a baseline chemical reference. Fertilizer will be added to the redistributed topsoil, prior to seeding, if a need is indicated by laboratory results. The fertilizer will be spread on the redistributed topsoil and hand-raked into the soil.*

*Revegetation procedures for this area will involve a four-step program: 1) application of fertilizer (if laboratory testing indicates a need), 2) hydroseed, 3) hydromulch the entire area with a wood fiber mulch to stabilize soils during vegetative growth and control runoff, 4) plant containerized stock to further stabilize the soil and provide vegetative diversity. Hydroseeding will combine the tackifier and small amount of mulch with the seed mix (to mark the area of coverage) during application to the redistributed topsoil. All seed utilized on the site will be certified pure live seed. After the seeding step, the mulch (wood fiber and hay/straw) and tackifier will be applied to the seedbed surface. The plant containerized stock will be planted in the second year of reclamation.*

Following the surface facility demolition activities, fill material will be removed from the Expansion Area in approximately 5'-10' lifts. During the fill removal process, the culvert inlet structure will be left in place on the west end of the yard to continue the diversion of water through the 72" culvert. A 40-foot wide berm will be left intact at the culvert inlet to continue to serve as the culvert headwall and to continue to divert water into the 72" culvert.

The sequence for removing the fill material, culvert, and underdrain system from the

Expansion Area will be essentially the same as during the 1997 construction process but in reverse order. (See construction details in Appendix 7-50).

Fill will be removed from the Expansion Area in 5'-10' lifts starting from the west end of the yard and proceeding to the east end. At the intersection of the South Slope and the pad fill the marker soil/geotextile fabric will be located. The marker soil will be carefully removed from on top of the geotextile fabric on the South Slope as the yard fill is being removed. This will allow reclamation to be done on vertical increments of the hillside that will be easy to access from the adjacent yard level. Removal of fill material adjacent to the South Slope will be done very carefully in order not to disturb the in-place soil resources. Fill removal in this area will be done with small earth-moving equipment (Bobcats, backhoes, etc.) and/or by hand if necessary in order to minimize disturbance of the existing topsoil. Once the geotextile fabric has been exposed, the fabric will be carefully peeled away from the soil and the condition of the underlying soil materials observed at this time. The soil will be reclaimed and revegetated in 5-10 foot horizontal zones that can be easily accessed and worked by hand from the adjacent pad fill level. After each level has been reclaimed as described below, another lift (5-10 feet of fill) will be removed from the fill. Revegetation work will continue on the next increment of the hillside below the previously reclaimed level. This work will be done in continued successive lifts, involving fill removal, peeling away the geotextile, revitalization of the in-place topsoil, and revegetation of the newly exposed increment.

It should be noted that approximate original contour of the North Slope of the Expansion Area will also be re-established as the Expansion Area fill is being removed in lifts as described previously. As the fill is being removed in vertical lifts, the adjacent North Slope surface will be regraded and prepared for subsequent topsoil application.

Sediment control during fill excavation will be met by continued use of the sediment pond east and downstream from the yard area. The main 72" culvert inlet and an adequate amount of fill to maintain the existing headwall will be left intact during this phase of the fill retrieval process.

### **19. Construction of a New Foot Bridge to Access the Memorial**

A portion of the existing concrete walkway from the parking area lies above the 72" bypass culvert that rests within the Crandall Creek channel. In order to reclaim the Crandall Creek, this portion of the existing concrete will be removed.

The existing concrete walkway will be sawcut as shown on Plate 5-21. The existing concrete walkway and fill below will be removed in lifts as described above. The Crandall Creek will be restored similarly.

The concrete footings for the new foot bridge will be set on undisturbed earth. 12" thick concrete retaining walls will be constructed above the footings and extend to the elevations shown on Plate 5-21. The areas around the retaining walls will be contoured and graded to

provide an adequate surface for a new concrete walkway on either end of the new foot bridge. The sawcut face of the existing remaining concrete walkway will be core-drilled and doweled a minimum of 12" with new #4 bars at 12" maximum centers, and extend a minimum of 12" into the new concrete walkway. Painted pipe guard rails will be installed atop the retaining walls to meet all requirements of the current edition of the International Building Code (IBC).

Riprap armor will be applied to the slopes below the concrete footings that support the new foot bridge. The armor will be a minimum of 2.5 feet thick and extend to the edge of the Crandall Creek channel. The channel for the creek will be a minimum of ten feet wide.

The new foot bridge will be a pre-manufactured, pre-engineered structure ordered from a company which supplies said bridges. The bridge will be of primed and painted steel tube construction to meet the latest requirements of the Forest Service, Emery County, International Building Code and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Tube steel legs and anchor bolts will be supplied by the bridge manufacturer and installed per Plate 5-21. As with the reclamation plan for the hillsides of the Expansion Area, the bridge plan will be reviewed five years prior to the commencement of the reclamation to define the final design requirements.

Construction of the new foot bridge will begin in mid-June of the reclamation year.

#### **1920. Revegetation - South Slope of the Expansion Area**

Reclamation of the South Slope will take place in vertical increments (lifts) simultaneously with the removal of the fill material in corresponding lifts. As fill lifts are being removed, the adjacent newly exposed hillside will be reclaimed and revegetated.

It is anticipated that after the Expansion Area fill is removed in lifts and the geotextile fabric is peeled away in vertical increments, the underlying soil material could be somewhat compacted. To enhance the ability of the soil to absorb moisture, a mixture of PAM (Polyacrylamide), or the best technology currently available at the time of reclamation, will be applied to the soil surface. PAM is designed to relieve compaction of the soil and open up channels for air and water penetration. This treatment will be applied in successive 5-10' lifts as the fill is removed and the hillside is exposed.

The re-exposed soil structure will most likely be undamaged but lacking in microbes and nutrients. In order to regenerate naturally existing soil organisms and assist in reactivating soil activity, an inoculum will be applied to the soil to reestablish soil bacteria, microhorizia and mycelium. To enhance soil microbial establishment and promote more rapid stabilization of the soil, the non-riparian seed mixture (as listed in Appendix 3-6) will be hand broadcast over the area and raked into the soil surface. A wood fiber mulch will be applied over the seed bed then the surface will be sprayed with a bonded fiber matrix tackifier. This type of tackifier has appeared to have a much greater ability than regular tackifier to hold and stabilize the soil surface. The bonded fiber matrix tackifier will be applied at a rate of 3,500 pounds per acre (or manufacturer's manufacturers' recommended application if greater).

By removing the fill in 5'-10' lifts and simultaneously reclaiming the adjacent South Slope in corresponding lifts, the pad area can then serve as convenient operating platform for the machinery and supplies used during the reclamation effort. In this manner heavy machinery will not be required to maneuver on the steep slopes. All reclamation work performed directly on the steep slopes will be done with hand labor and tools. The reclamation process will be supported by heavy equipment staged on the adjacent pad level.

## **201. Removal and Disposal of 72" Culvert**

During the 1997 construction of the expanded surface facilities, the creek channel configuration was left intact throughout the entire length of the Expansion Area. This was accomplished by ~~covered~~covering the channel in situ with a geotextile fabric during the initial construction period. The geotextile was placed over the channel to preserve the indigenous soil and morphology of the existing creek bed. The fabric was placed along the bottom and 5 feet above the channel embankment. A colored marker material was placed on top of the geotextile to serve as a visual marker horizon during reclamation operations.

Fill removal (and South Slope reclamation) will proceed vertical lifts until the 72" culvert has been exposed. Prior to removing the culvert, the stream flow will be diverted into the 18" underdrain system by removing the cap from the drain pipe located at the upstream end of the culvert. This will be done during a low flow period of the year, such as July or August. Once the ~~streamflow~~stream flow has been successfully diverted into the underdrain system, removal of the 72" culvert can begin. Removal of the culvert will be done in 20' segments starting from the upstream end and working downstream. All culvert material will be removed from the site and disposed of in an approved landfill. The remaining culvert bedding material (2" x 0" gravel), which is located on top of the underdrain system, will be left in place at this time to provide a stable work area for heavy equipment involved in subsequent reclamation of the North Slope as described later in this discussion.

~~The 72" culvert will be removed downstream to an elevation just above the sediment pond. At this time, a new culvert inlet and headwall will be re-established for the remaining 72" culvert segment. The headwall will be rebuilt at this location according to original headwall design and will be rip rapped in a similar manner. At this stage of the reclamation process, approximately 1,100' of 72" culvert will have been removed and approximately 400' still remains in place below and around the left-in-place sediment pond until it has been completely removed.~~ However, stream flow will still continue to flow temporarily through the underdrain system at this time until the North Slope reclamation has been completed.

## **212. Topsoiling - North Slope of the Expansion Area**

After the Expansion Area fill and the 72" culvert have been removed, the underdrain system will still remain intact. Because this phase of work will be done during low flow, the stream will be adequately carried through the underdrain system. Mobile earthmoving equipment will still be able to operate on top of the 2" x 0" bedding material located over the

underdrain system. Reclamation of the North Slope, which is not as steep as the south slope, will be done with the standard protocol for reclamation involving fill areas, topsoiling, and revegetation.

Topsoil will be reapplied to the North Slope in the conventional manner. Topsoil will be hauled in by truck and spread with a front end loader and/or backhoe. Areas to receive topsoil will be marked with stakes indicating the depth of application. A reclamation supervisor will oversee the topsoil redistribution operation. Topsoil will be left in a roughened condition prior to seeding to minimize compaction and erosion as well as promote infiltration of precipitation.

Genwal has committed to adding nutrients as determined by laboratory analysis conducted on topsoil samples taken before topsoil redistribution and during final reclamation. The method used to ensure adequate and representative samples from different locations and depths within the topsoil stockpile include: taking two soil samples per stockpile and collecting samples with a soil auger at two foot increments. Samples of the undisturbed soil adjacent to the regraded site will also be taken for a baseline chemical reference. Fertilizer will be added to the redistributed topsoil as indicated by laboratory results.

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### **223. Revegetation - North Slope of the Expansion Area**

Revegetation procedures for the North Slope of the Expansion Area involves a **four-step** program: **1)** application of fertilizer (if laboratory testing indicates a need), **2)** hydroseed, **3)** hydromulch the entire area with a wood fiber mulch to stabilize soils during vegetative growth and control runoff, **4)** plant containerized stock to further stabilize the soil and provide vegetative diversity. **Hydroseeding will combine the tackifier and small amount of mulch with the seed mix (to mark the area of coverage) during application to the redistributed topsoil.** All seed utilized on the site will be certified pure live seed. After the seeding step, the mulch (wood fiber and hay/straw) and tackifier will be applied to the seedbed surface. The plant containerized stock will be planted in the second year of reclamation. **Revegetation work will not be done until fall (September-October).**

### **234. Restoration of the Stream Channel**

After the north slope has been topsoiled, the underdrain system will then be removed and the stream channel morphology restored. Prior to removal of the underdrain, silt fences will be established in Crandall Creek downstream from the existing 72" culvert outlet. These silt fences will be located in an area convenient for maintenance and cleanout.

Removal of the underdrain system will be done during low flow conditions and will be completed in reverse order from the way it was originally installed. Using small mobile equipment, such as a backhoe, the remaining culvert bedding material, drain rock and 18" drain pipe will be removed in 20' segments starting from the upper end and working downstream. After the drain rock and drain pipe are removed, the lower layer of geotextile can be carefully peeled back, re-establishing the "natural" streambed in the process. All drain rock, drain pipe and geotextile material removed during this process will be disposed of at an approved landfill. As each 20' segment of the underdrain system is removed, silt fencing will be installed on either side of the newly restored stream channel. The purpose of this silt fencing is to treat drainage from the adjacent recently reclaimed areas.

After the underdrain system has been removed and the stream channel re-established downstream past UD-1, a rip rapped ditchway will be installed to carry drainage from the side culvert outlet down the North Slope to the restored stream channel. Refer to Plate 5-16.

~~————The underdrain system will be removed downstream to an elevation just above the sediment pond at the location of the new 72" culvert inlet and headwall. At this time, the remaining 18" drain pipe will be recapped and the stream flow rediverted back into the 72" culvert. [Note: this new sediment pond/culvert/underdrain configuration will remain in place until Phase 2 reclamation, as described later]. At this stage of the reclamation process, approximately 1,100' of 72" culvert and underdrain system will have been removed and approximately 400' will still remain in place to divert channel flow below and around the left-in-place sediment pond.~~

## **245. Revegetation of the Stream Channel**

It is anticipated that after the underdrain system is removed and the geotextile fabric is peeled away, the underlying soil material along the stream banks will be somewhat compacted. To enhance the ability of the soil to absorb moisture, a mixture of PAM (Polyacrylamide) or best technology currently available at the time of reclamation, will be applied to the soil surface. PAM is designed to relieve compaction of the soil and open up channels for air and water penetration.

The re-exposed soil structure will most likely be undamaged but lacking in microbes and nutrients. In order to regenerate naturally existing soil organisms and assist in reactivating soil activity, an inoculum will be applied to the soil to reestablish soil bacteria, microhorizia and mycelium. To enhance soil microbial establishment and promote more rapid stabilization of the soil, the riparian seed mixture (as listed in Appendix 3-6) will be hand broadcast over the area and raked into the soil surface. A wood fiber mulch will be applied over the seed bed then the surface will be sprayed with a bonded fiber matrix tackifier. This type of tackifier has appeared to have a much greater ability than regular tackifier to hold and stabilize the soil surface. The bonded fiber matrix tackifier will be applied at a rate of 3,500 pounds per acre (or ~~manufacturer's~~ manufacturers' recommended application if greater).

## **256. Sediment Control and Treatment**

In practice, many of the reclamation procedures outlined above will be conducted simultaneously. ~~However, the sediment pond will provide complete sediment control during all phases of the reclamation process until such time as the upper 1,100' segment of 72" culvert has been removed and removal of the underdrain system begins.~~ Sediment control during removal of the underdrain will consist of silt fences constructed on either side of the newly restored stream channel and silt fences constructed within Crandall Creek below the outlet location of the 72" culvert.

## **267. Topsoil Stockpile Location Reclamation**

Following the removal of the topsoil stockpiles from the storage sites (during final reclamation retopsoiling activities), the topsoil pile locations will be reclaimed. ~~(Enough topsoil will remain stockpiled for Phase 2 reclamation. Refer to the Phase 2 reclamation discussion in item #27 below.)~~ The topsoil stockpile locations will not require soil redistribution since the native topsoil is still in place. At these locations, the ground will be lightly scarified and then reclaimed according to the standard reclamation protocol.

Revegetation procedures for the stockpile locations will involve a **four-step** program: **1)** application of fertilizer (if laboratory testing indicates a need), **2)** hydroseed, **3)** hydromulch the entire area with a wood fiber mulch to stabilize soils during vegetative growth and control runoff, **4)** plant containerized stock to further stabilize the soil and provide vegetative diversity. **Hydroseeding will combine the tackifier and small amount of mulch with the seed mix (to**

**mark the area of coverage) during application to the redistributed topsoil.** All seed utilized on the site will be certified pure live seed. After the seeding step, the mulch (wood fiber and hay/straw) and tackifier will be applied to the seedbed surface. The plant containerized stock will be planted in the second year of reclamation. **Revegetation work will not be done until fall (September-October).**

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## Phase 2

### **27. Phase 2 Reclamation - Removal of Sedimentation Pond**

During Phase 2 reclamation, prior to any earthwork activity, silt fences will be installed across the entire length of the downstream at the east end of the sediment pond embankment to filter any sediment resulting from removal of the pond. Additional silt fences will be installed in Crandall Creek below the culvert outlet to provide additional sediment control.

Removal of the sediment pond and the remaining 72" culvert/underdrain system will follow the same procedures described previously for the removal of the expansion area fill. The pond embankment will be removed in lifts down to the 72" pipe. Reclamation (grading, topsoiling and revegetation) of the North and South Slopes will be done in the same manner as described for the Expansion Area in Phase 1 reclamation. After the 72" culvert has been exposed the end cap will be removed from the 18" drain pipe located in the underdrain system. Flow will then be diverted through the underdrain system in the drain rock below the 72" pipe. The 72" pipe will be completely removed at this time.

After the 72" pipe has been completely removed, the geotextile fabric will be removed from the top of the underdrain system. The drain rock and 18" drain pipe will be removed with a small backhoe and hauled off-site for disposal. The drain rock beneath the drain pipe will be shoveled out of the channel and the geotextile that was placed over the original channel will be removed by hand, restoring the original stream channel morphology. The disturbed area will be revegetated in the manner previously described for the previously reclaimed areas. In many ways Phase 2 reclamation of the sediment pond embankment will be nearly identical to the Expansion Area reclamation described previously for Phase 1. Both areas involve the steeper South Slope, the stream channel culvert/underdrain system, and the less steep North Slope. Therefore, all pertinent aspects of reclamation which apply to Phase 1 as described in this appendix will also apply to Phase 2. This includes the special steep-slope reclamation techniques for the South Slope, the left-in-place soil revitalization for the channel area, and the standard reclamation procedures for the North Slope.

### **Timetable-Reclamation Activities** **(First available season following cessation of mining)**

Normal Access- May 15,

Begin demolition- May 15

Seal portals- Prior to the beginning of demolition

Structure removal- May 15 to June 30  
Earthwork/recontouring- May 15 to September 30  
Asphalt removal- June 15 to June 30  
Construct new foot bridge - June 15 to August 30  
Topsoil redistribution- August 30 to Oct 15  
Drainage construction Sept 1 to Sept 30  
Hydroseeding- Sept 15 to Oct 30  
Seeding/Planting- Oct 1 to Oct 30

**Final Reclamation- (cessation of mining)**

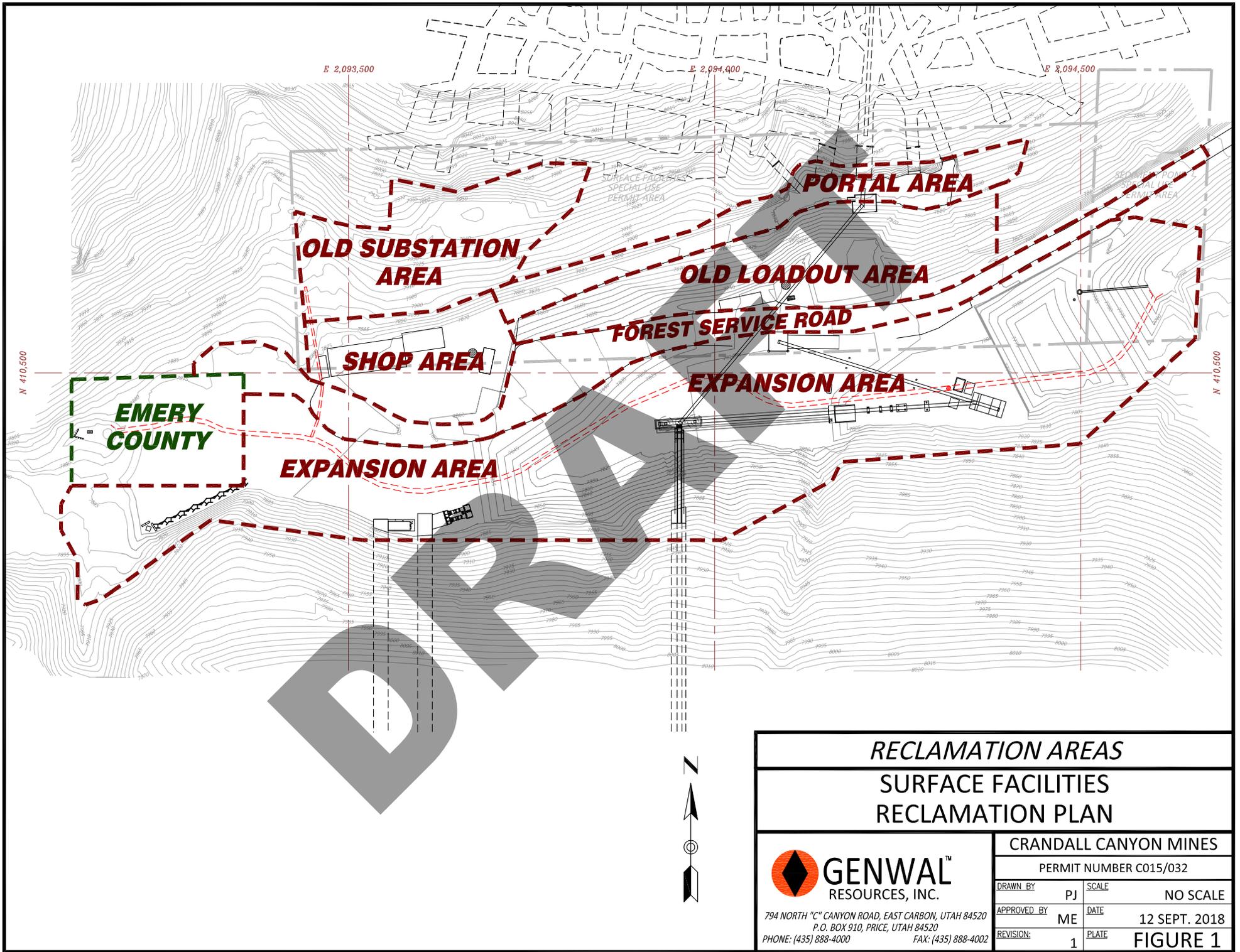
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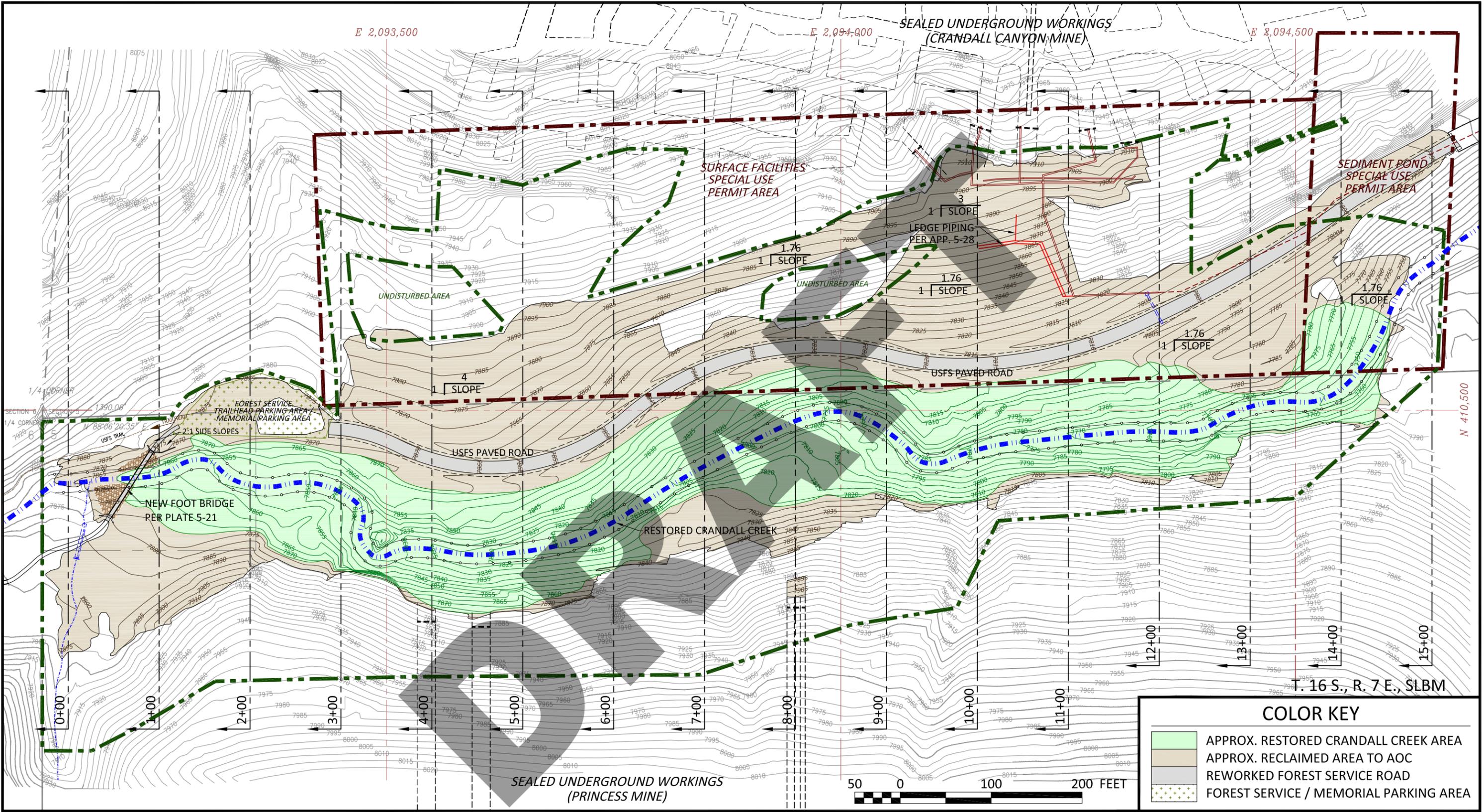
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<u>Drainage Construction</u>				=====		
<u>Seeding/Mulching</u>					=====	
<u>Planting</u>						=====

**Year 2 through 10**

Vegetation Monitoring     July 1 to August 30  
Hydrologic Monitoring     June 1 to Oct 30 (4 times)  
Subsidence Monitoring     July 1 to Oct 30



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	FOREST SERVICE SPECIAL USE PERMIT BOUNDARY		RESTORED INDEX CONTOUR (5' INTERVALS)
	CROSS-SECTION (SEE PLATES 5-17A TO 5-17D)		EXISTING INDEX CONTOUR (5' INTERVALS)
	ALTERNATE SEDIMENT CONTROL		NEW 12" ID HDPE PIPING TO HUNTINGTON CREEK (SEE 5-16)
	PIPING FOR MINE WATER DISCHARGE SYSTEM		ALTERNATE SEDIMENT CONTROL
	NEW RIP RAP CHANNEL PROTECTION		

**NOTES:**

- CONTOURS SOUTH OF CRANDALL CREEK AND NORTH OF CRANDALL CREEK BUT SOUTH OF THE ROAD TO BE ORIGINAL CONTOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- NEW SLOPES SHALL HAVE A MAXIMUM SLOPE OF 1.76 HORIZONTAL UNITS TO 1 VERTICAL UNIT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- SEE PLATES 5-17A THROUGH 5-17D FOR CROSS-SECTION PROFILES.

**COLOR KEY**

	APPROX. RESTORED CRANDALL CREEK AREA
	APPROX. RECLAIMED AREA TO AOC
	REWORKED FOREST SERVICE ROAD
	FOREST SERVICE / MEMORIAL PARKING AREA

**LEGEND**

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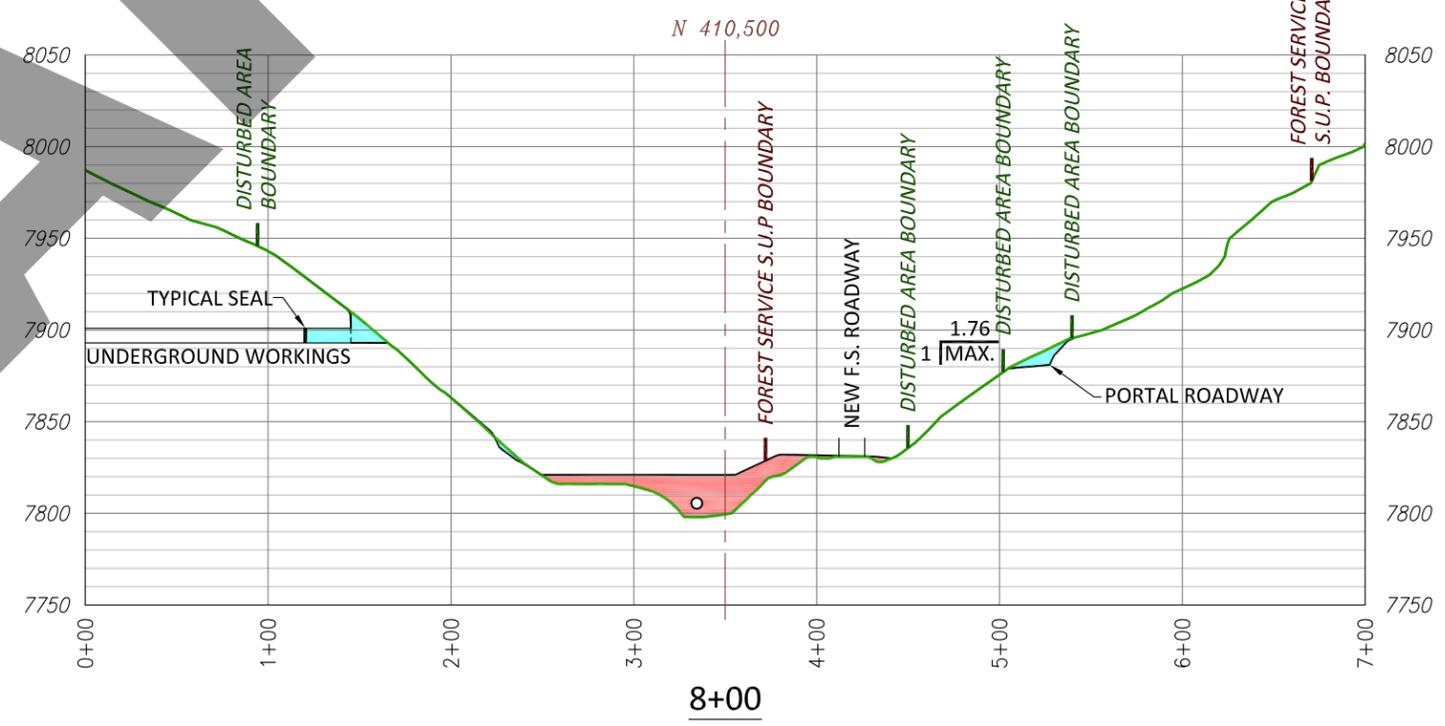
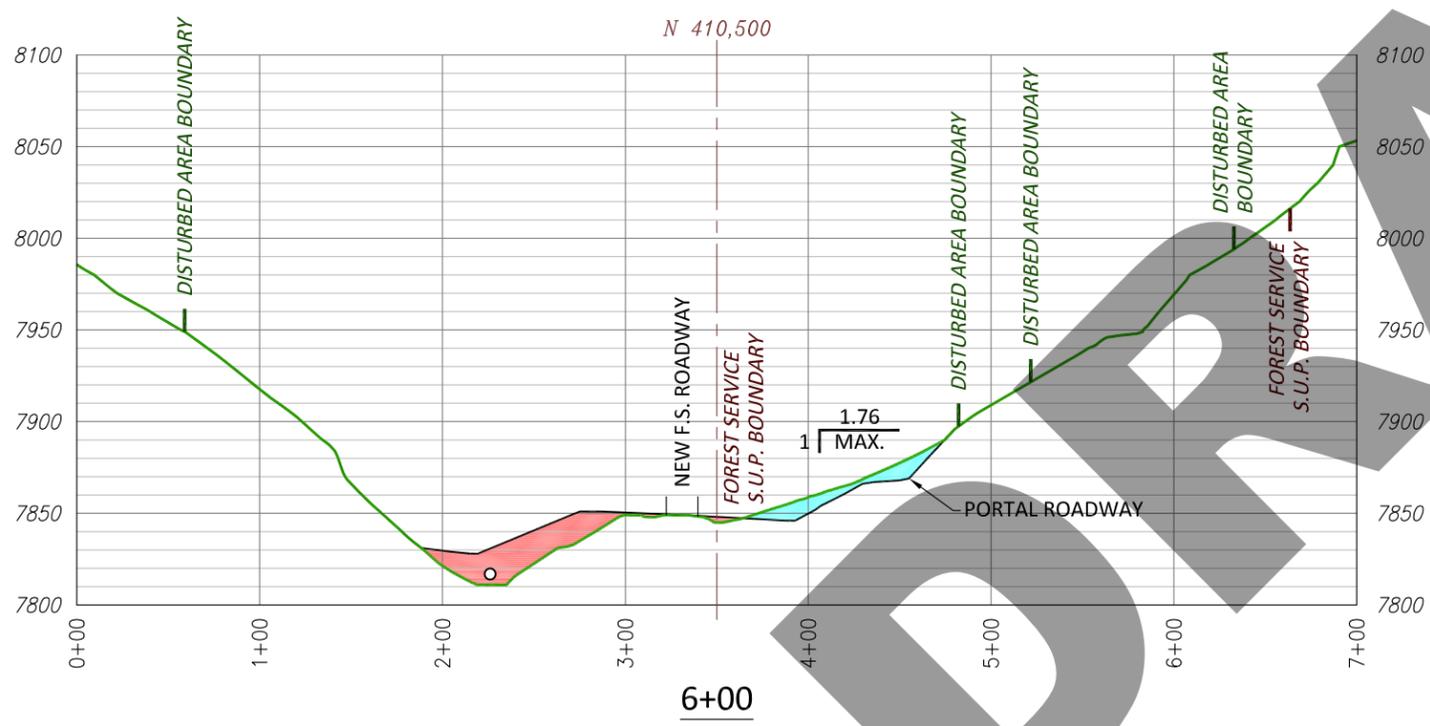
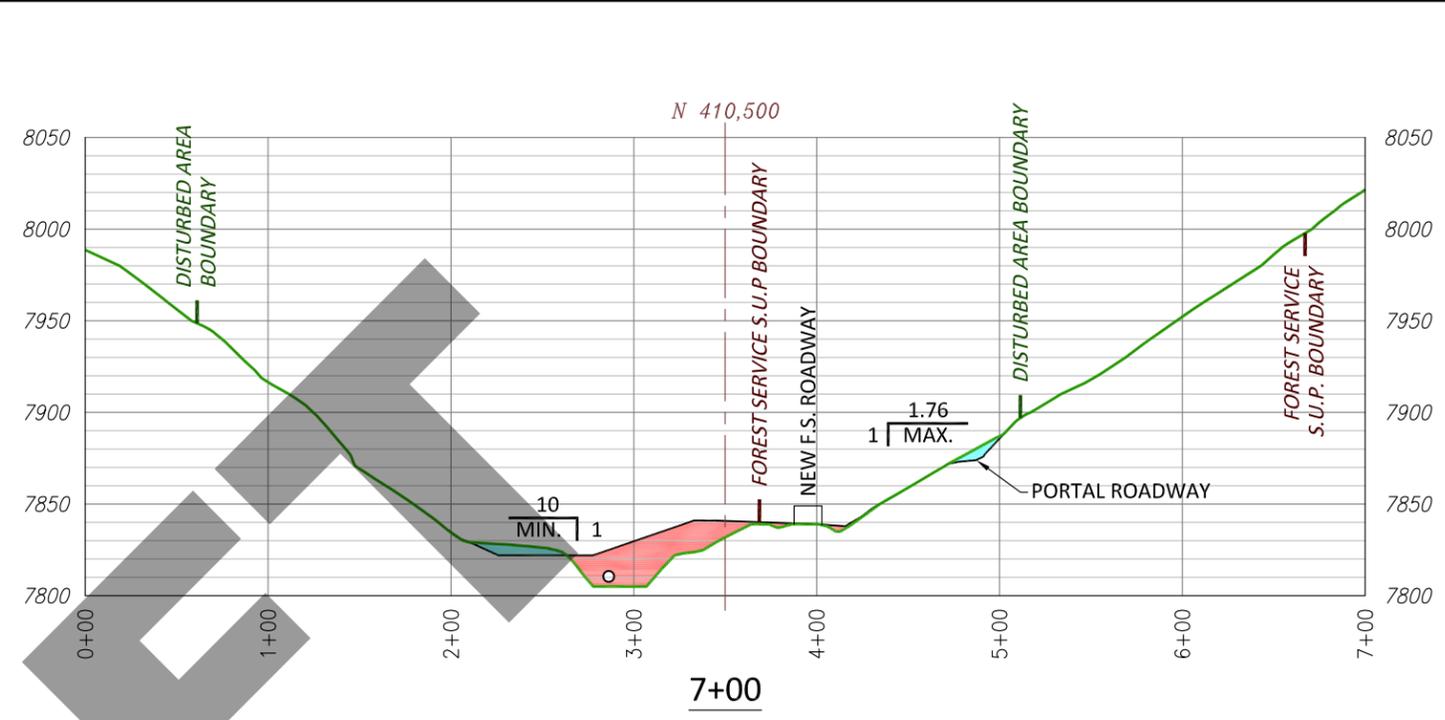
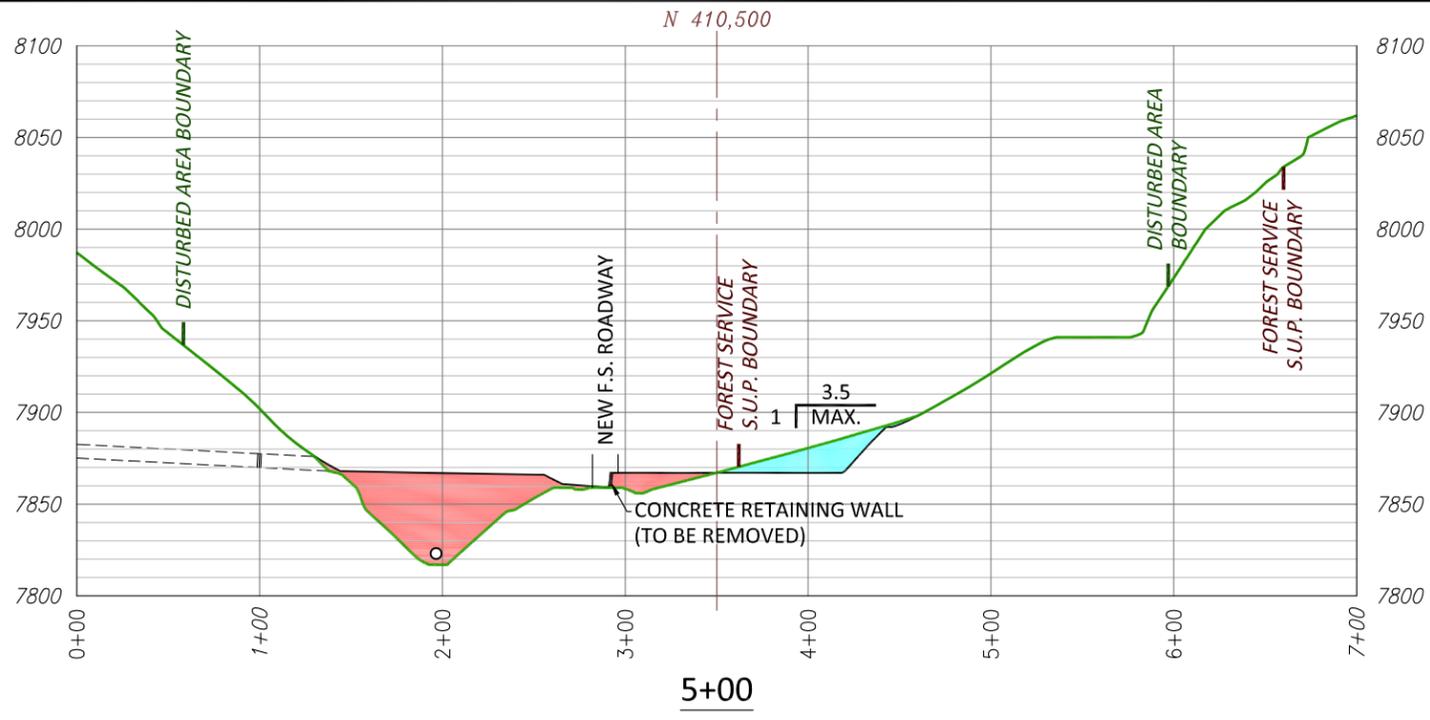
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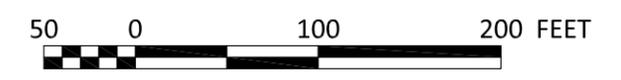
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**LEGEND**

- CURRENT SURFACE LINE
- RECLAIMED SURFACE LINE
- CUT AREA
- FILL AREA
- EXISTING CULVERT (TO BE REMOVED)



- NOTES:**
- CROSS SECTION LOCATIONS ARE SHOWN ON PLATES 5-17 AND 5-19.
  - STREAM BED IS BASED UPON ACTUAL SURVEY CONDUCTED PRIOR TO THE EXPANSION OF THE SURFACE FACILITIES.

**SURFACE FACILITIES RECLAMATION  
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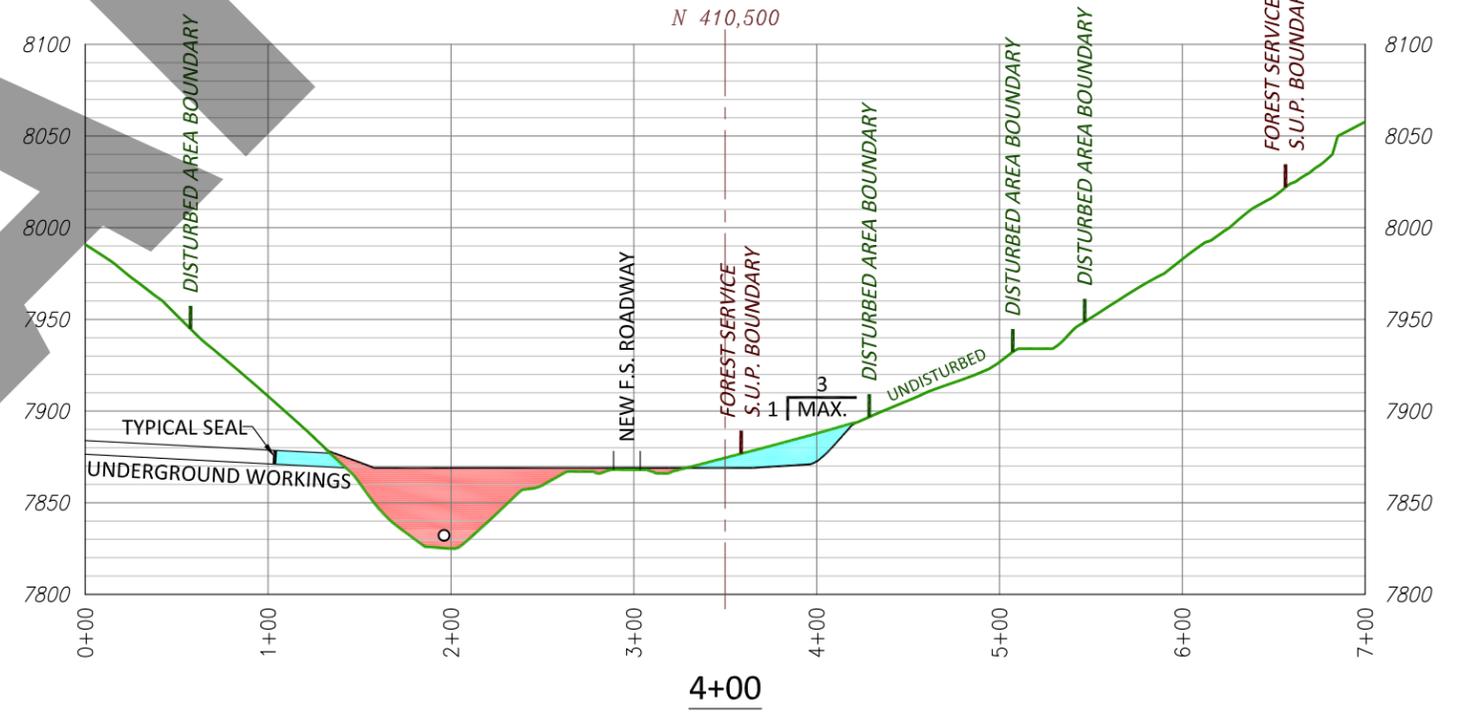
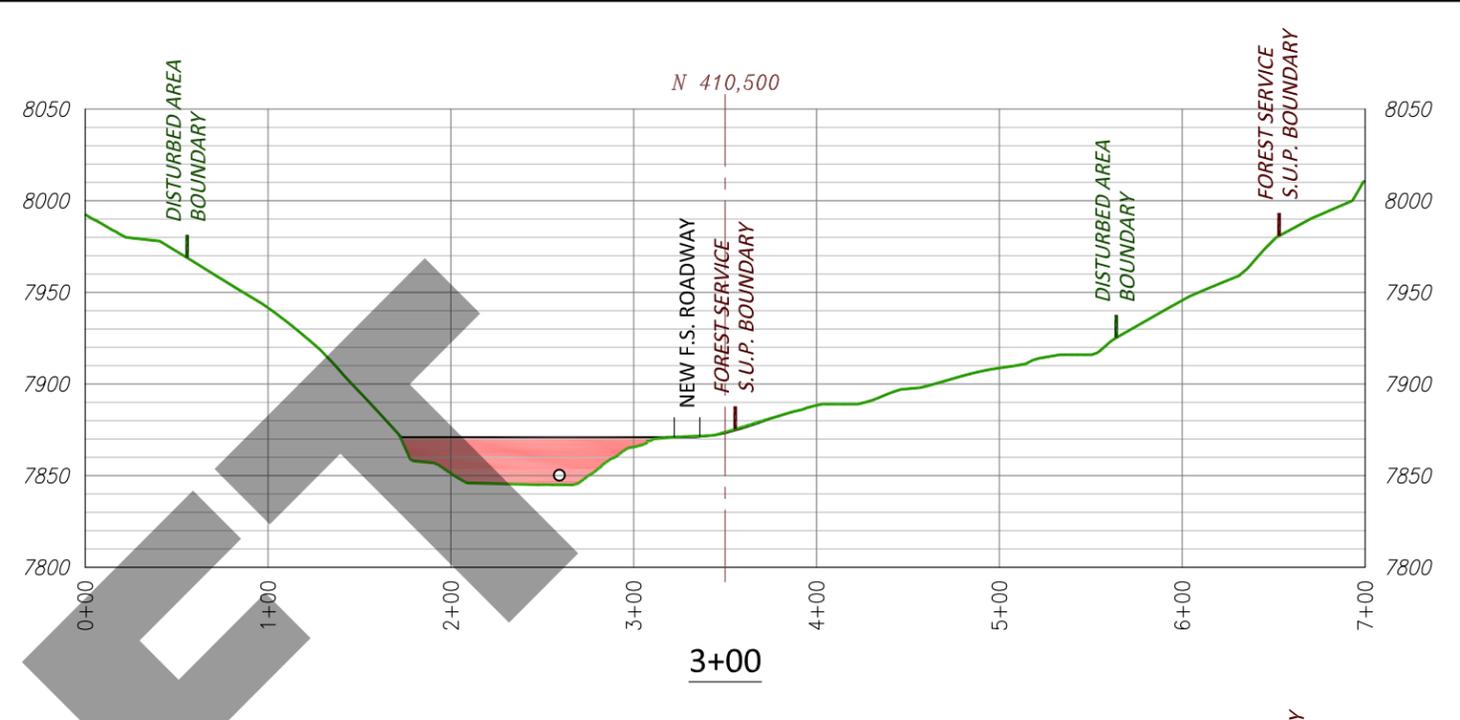
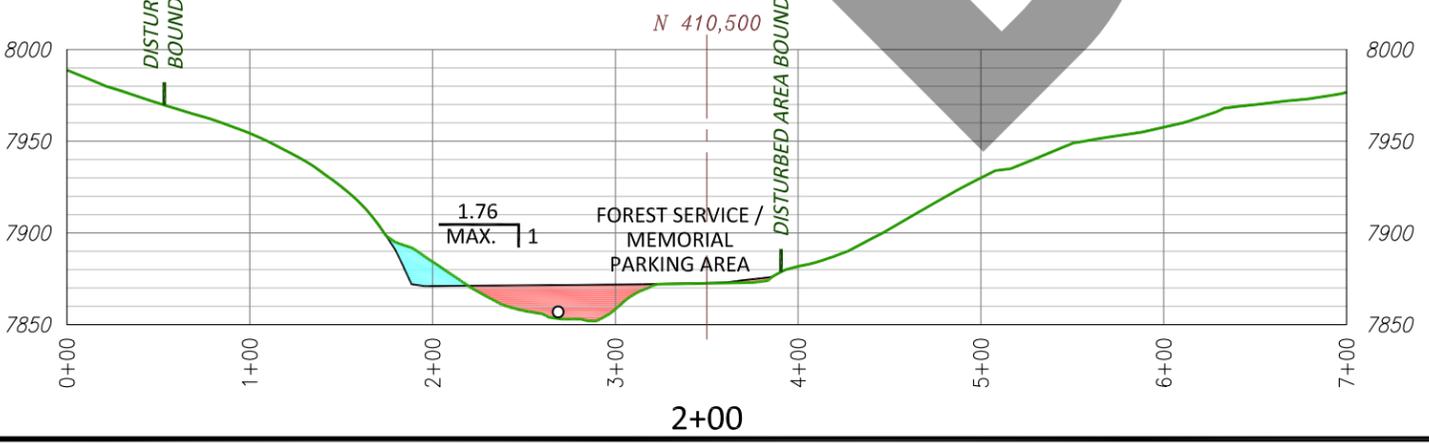
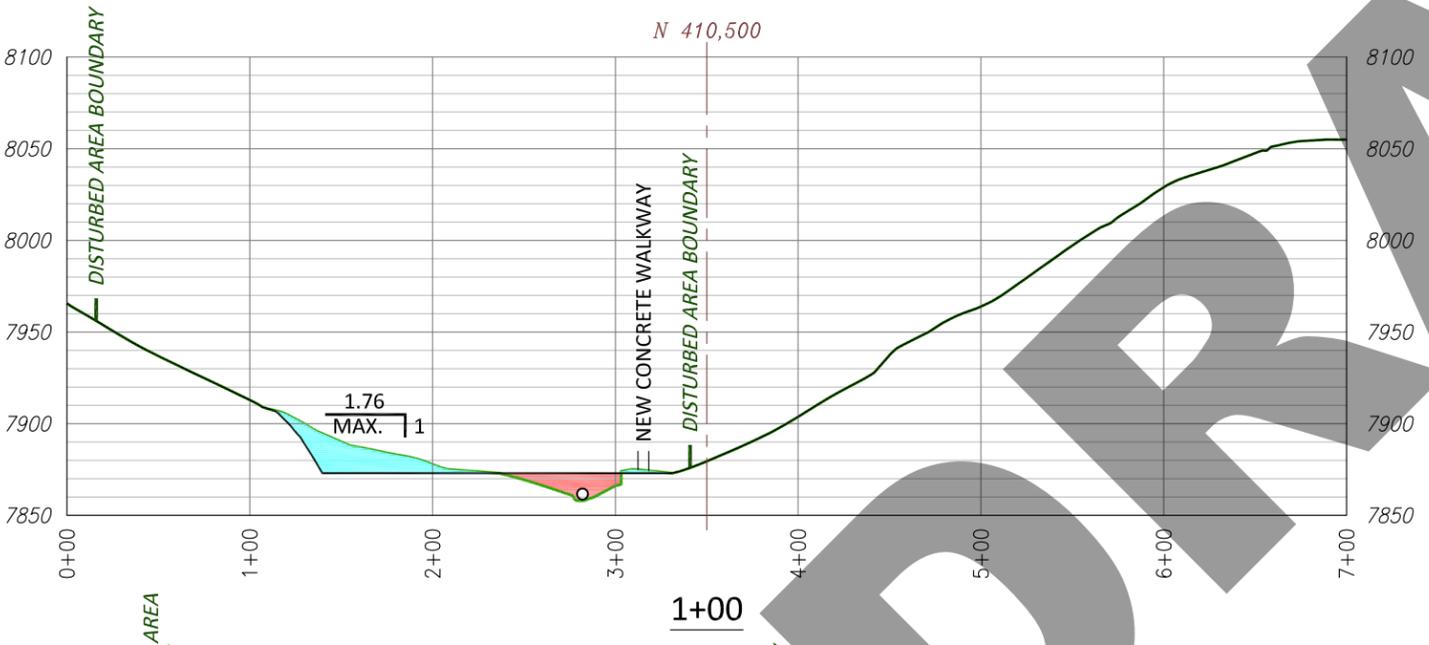
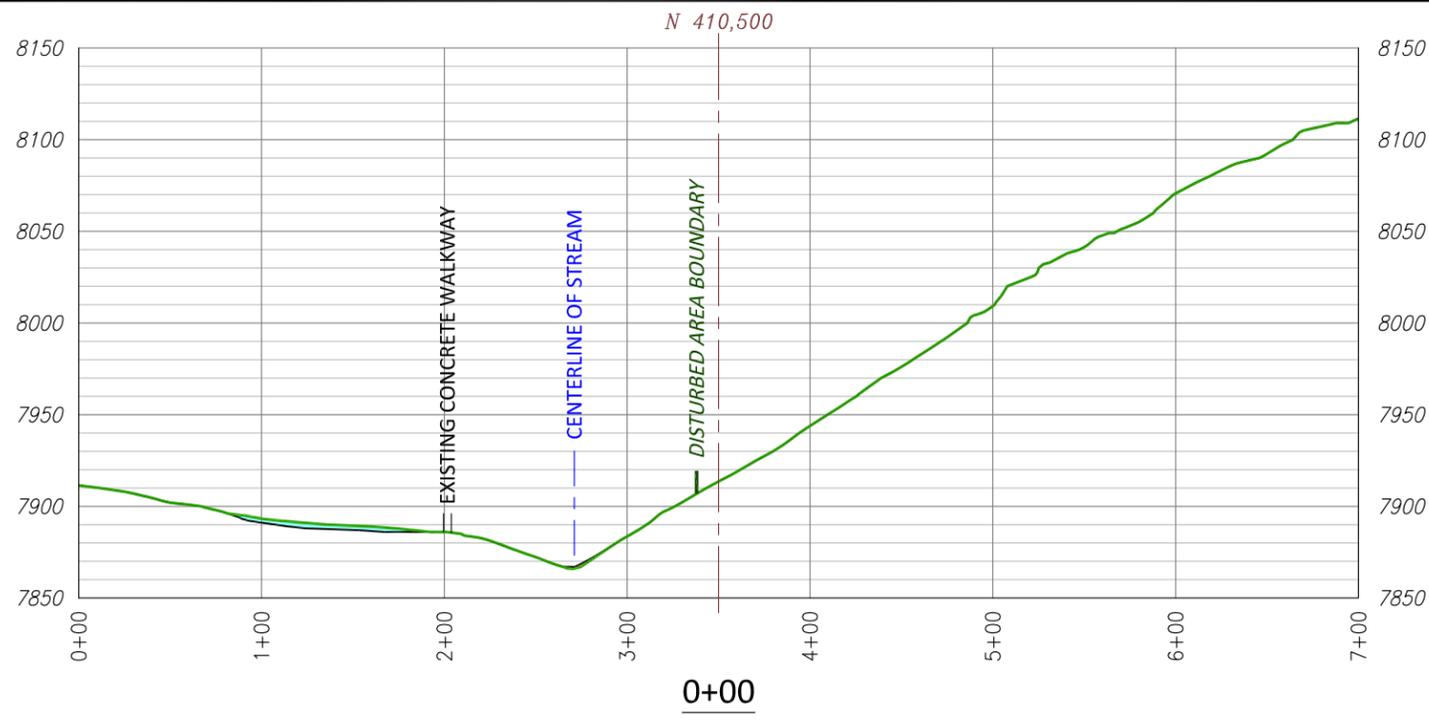
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**LEGEND**

- CURRENT SURFACE LINE
- RECLAIMED SURFACE LINE
- CUT AREA
- FILL AREA
- EXISTING CULVERT (TO BE REMOVED)



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- CROSS SECTION LOCATIONS ARE SHOWN ON PLATE 5-17.
  - STREAM BED IS BASED UPON ACTUAL SURVEY CONDUCTED PRIOR TO THE EXPANSION OF THE SURFACE FACILITIES IN 1997.

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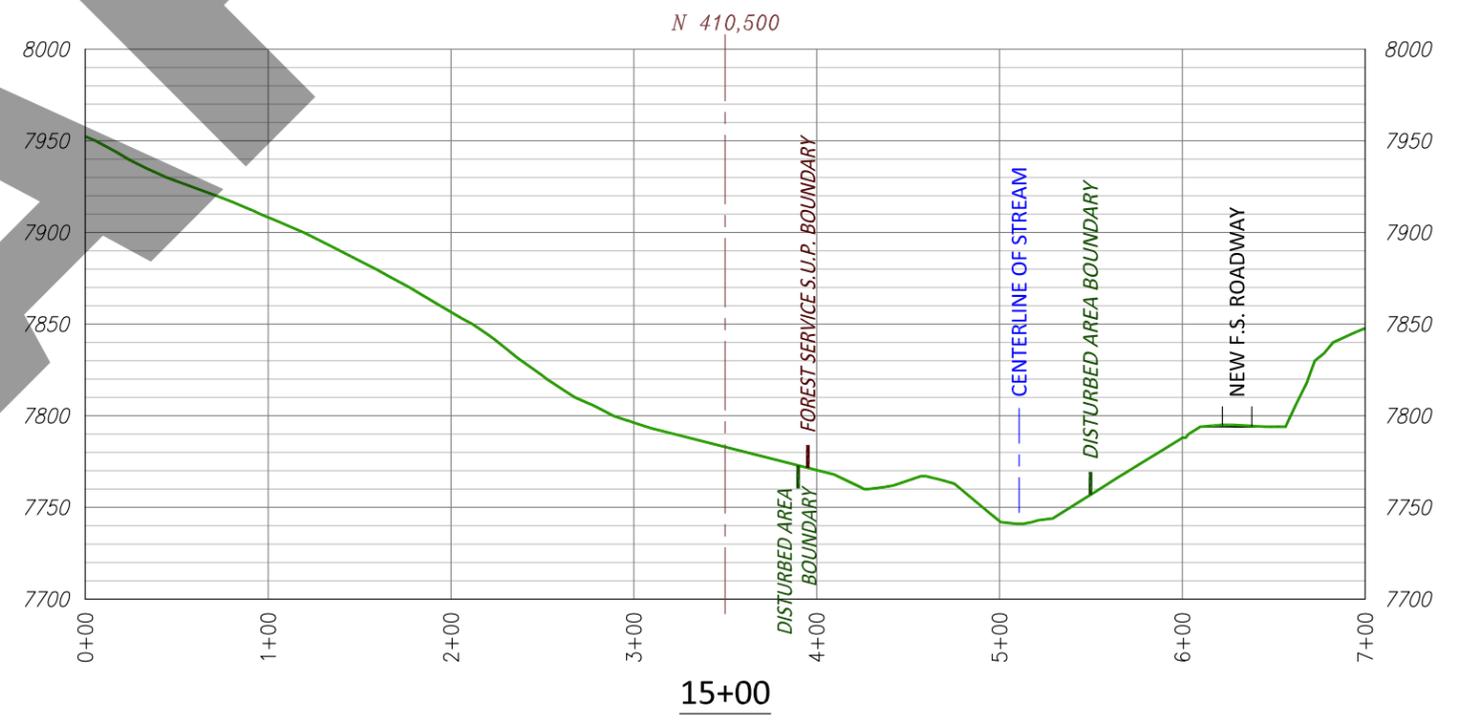
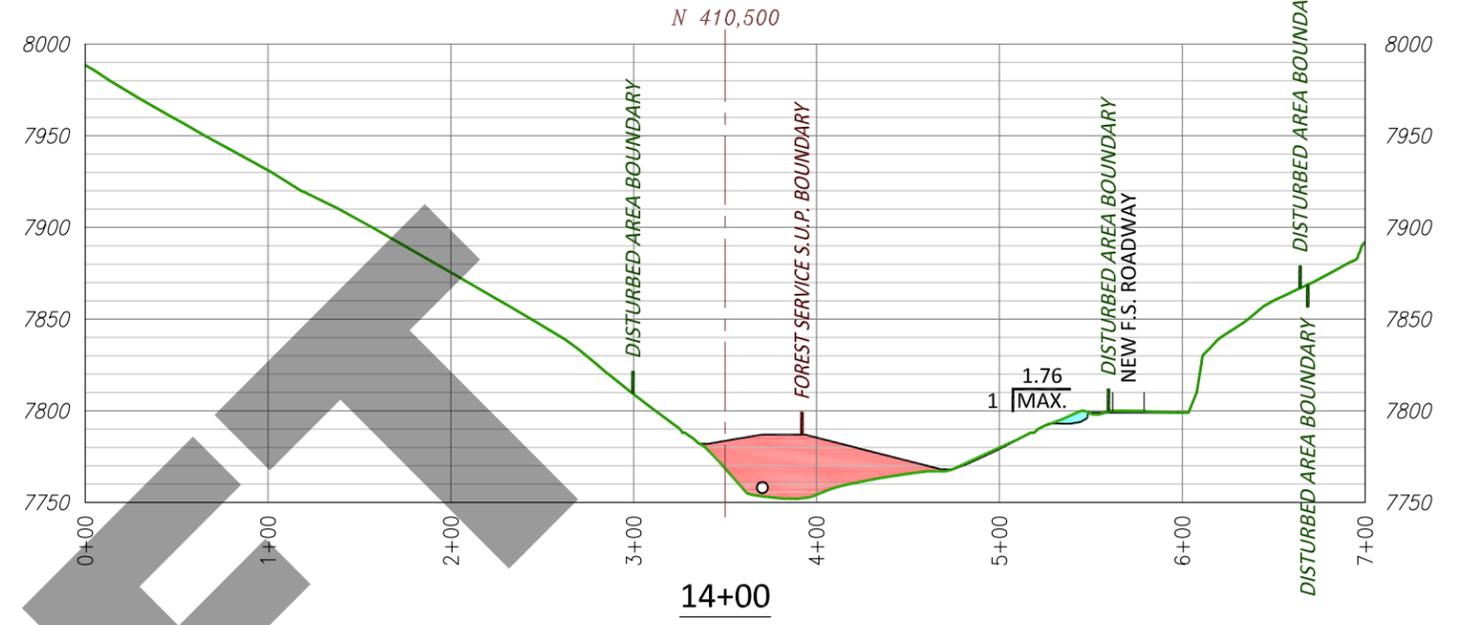
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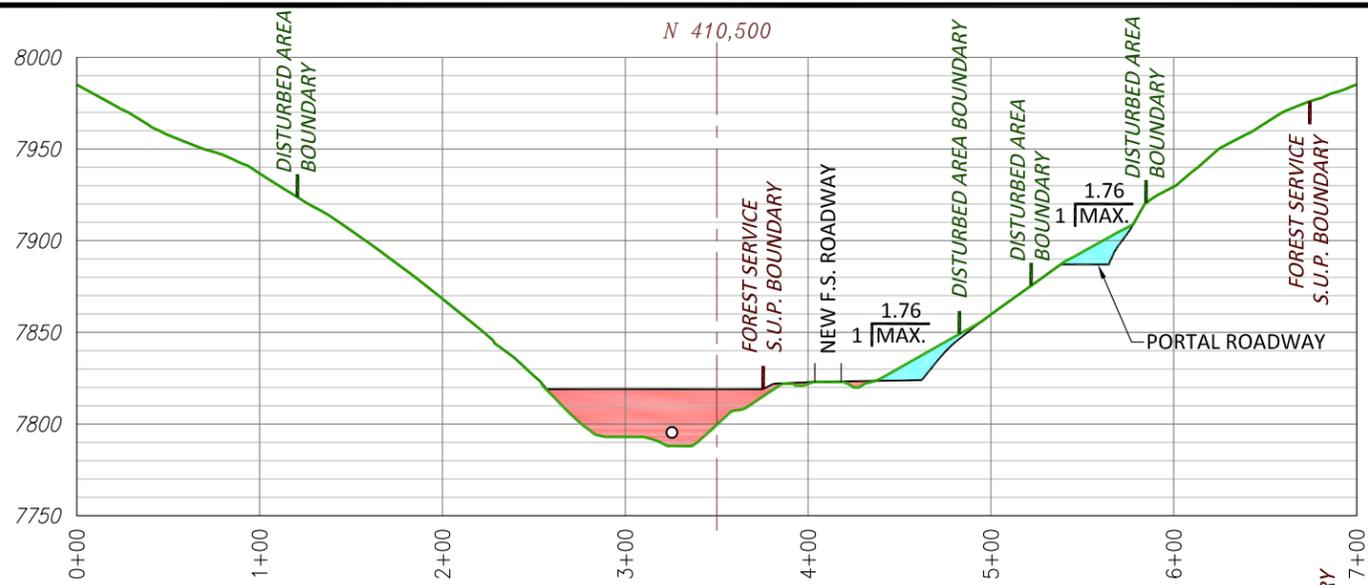
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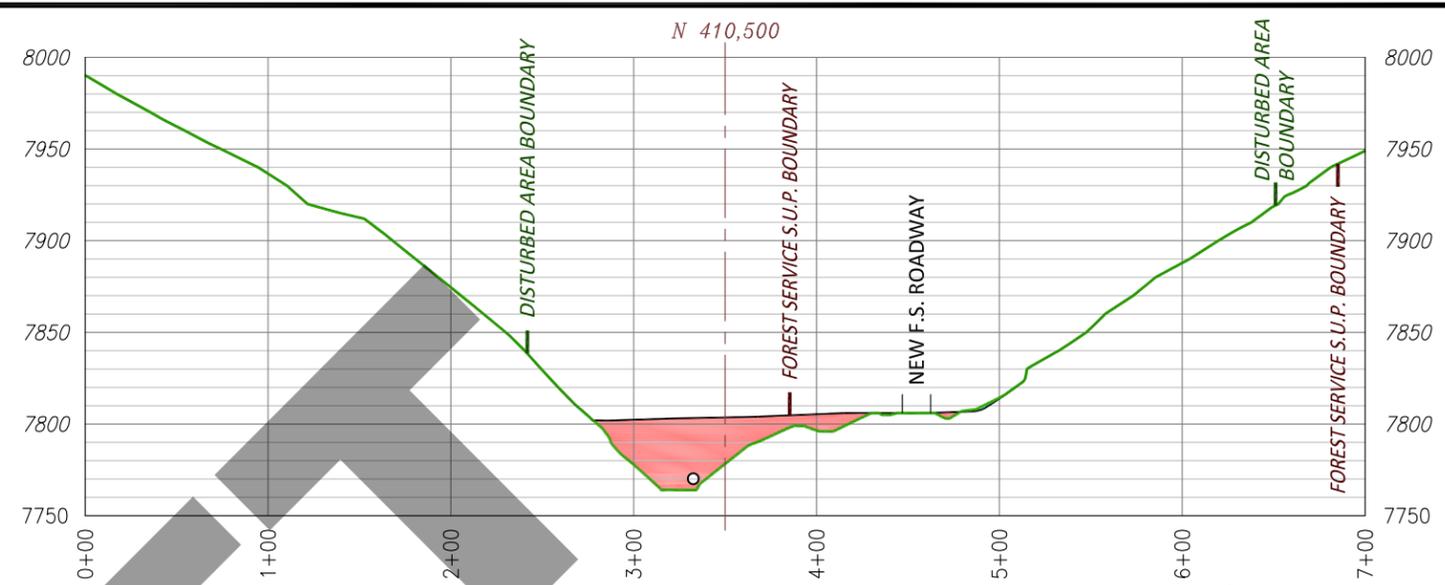
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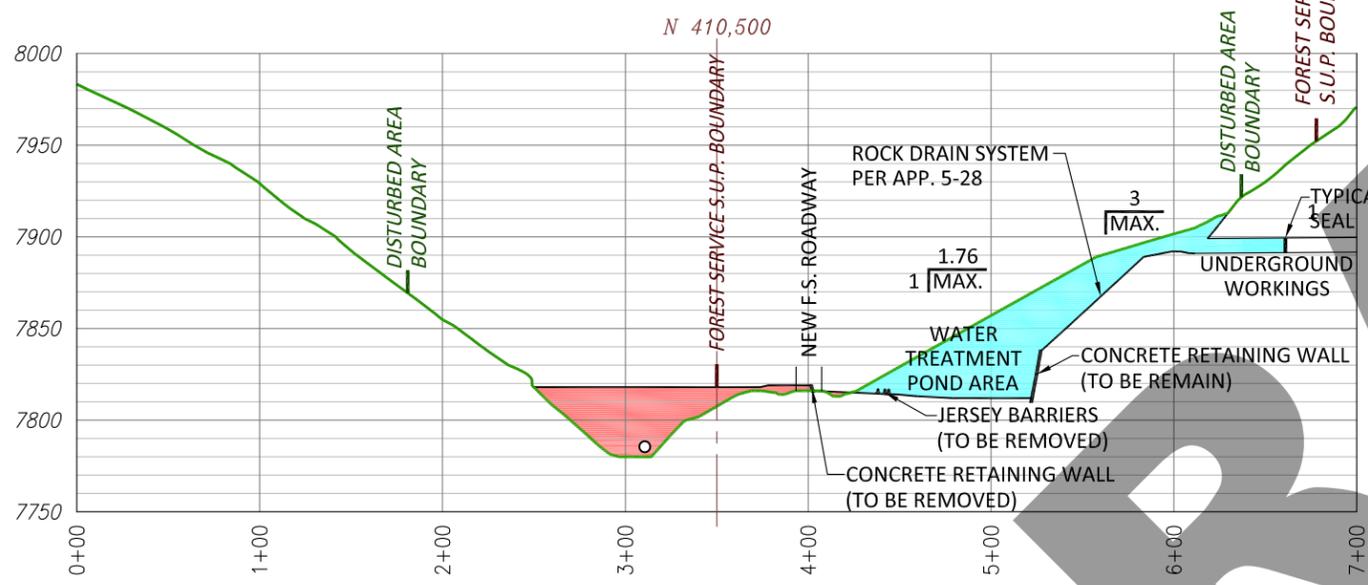
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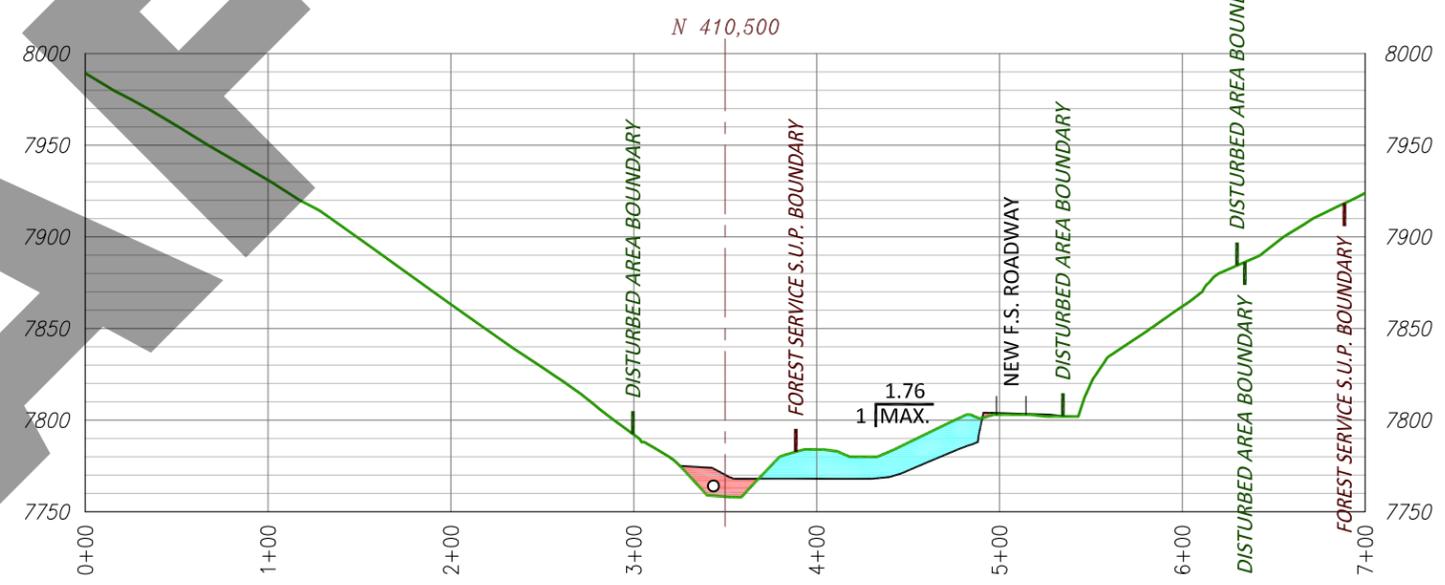
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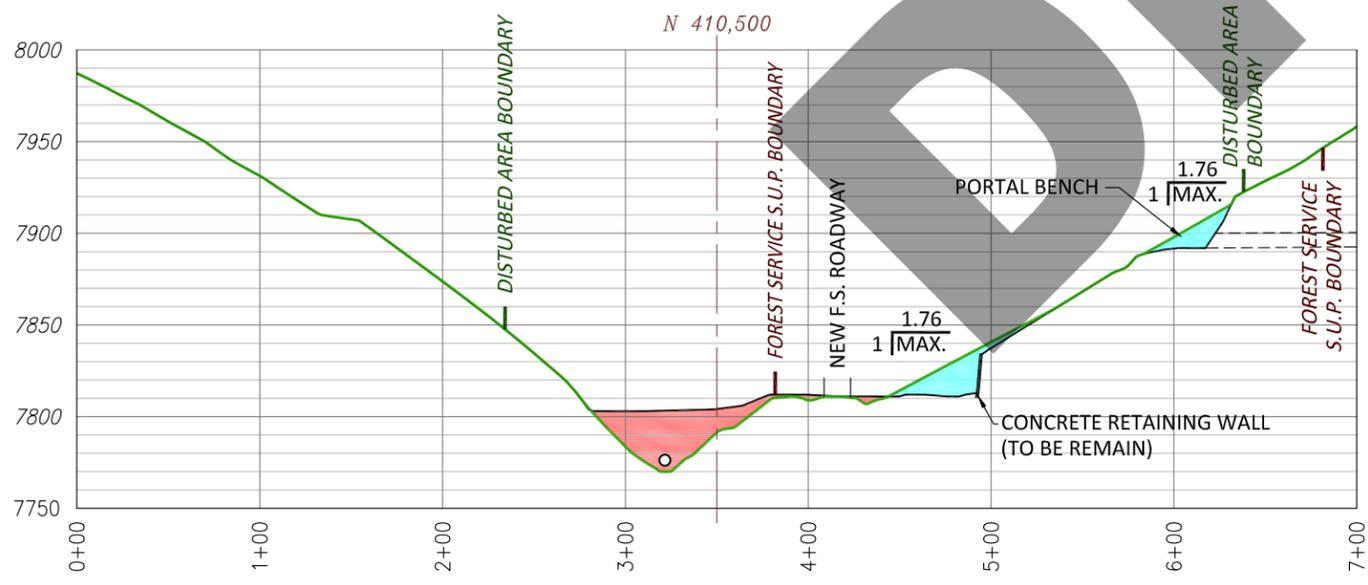
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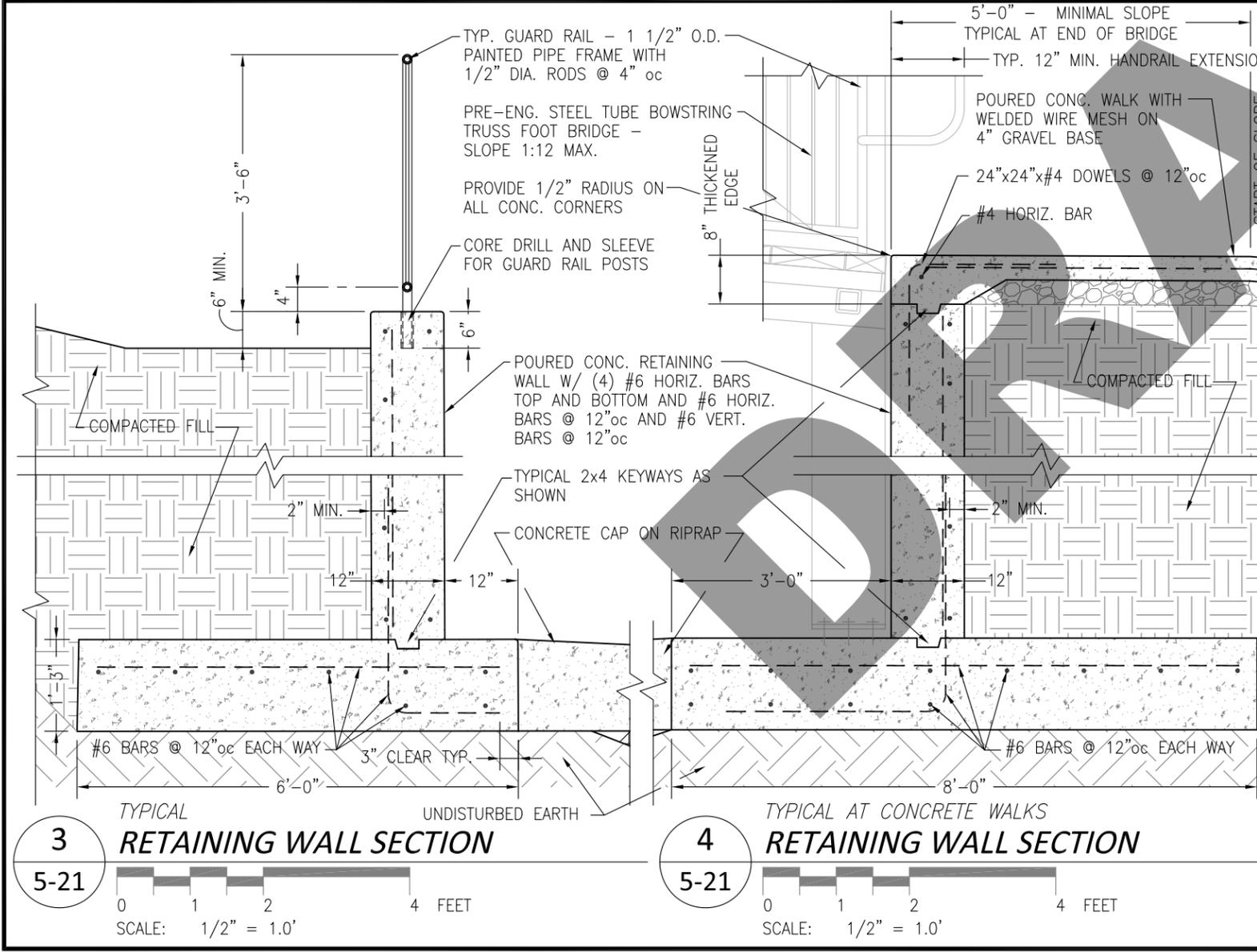
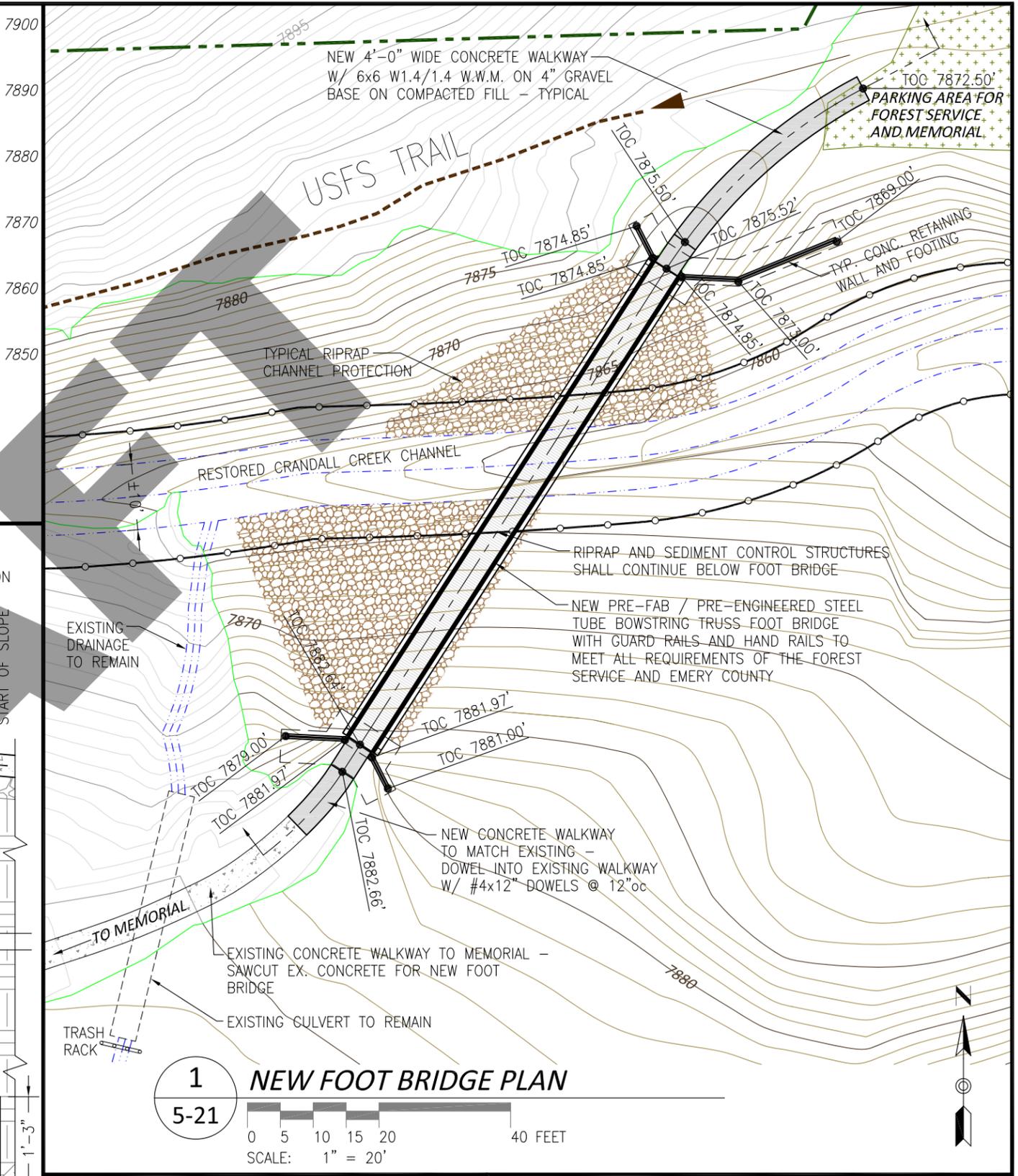
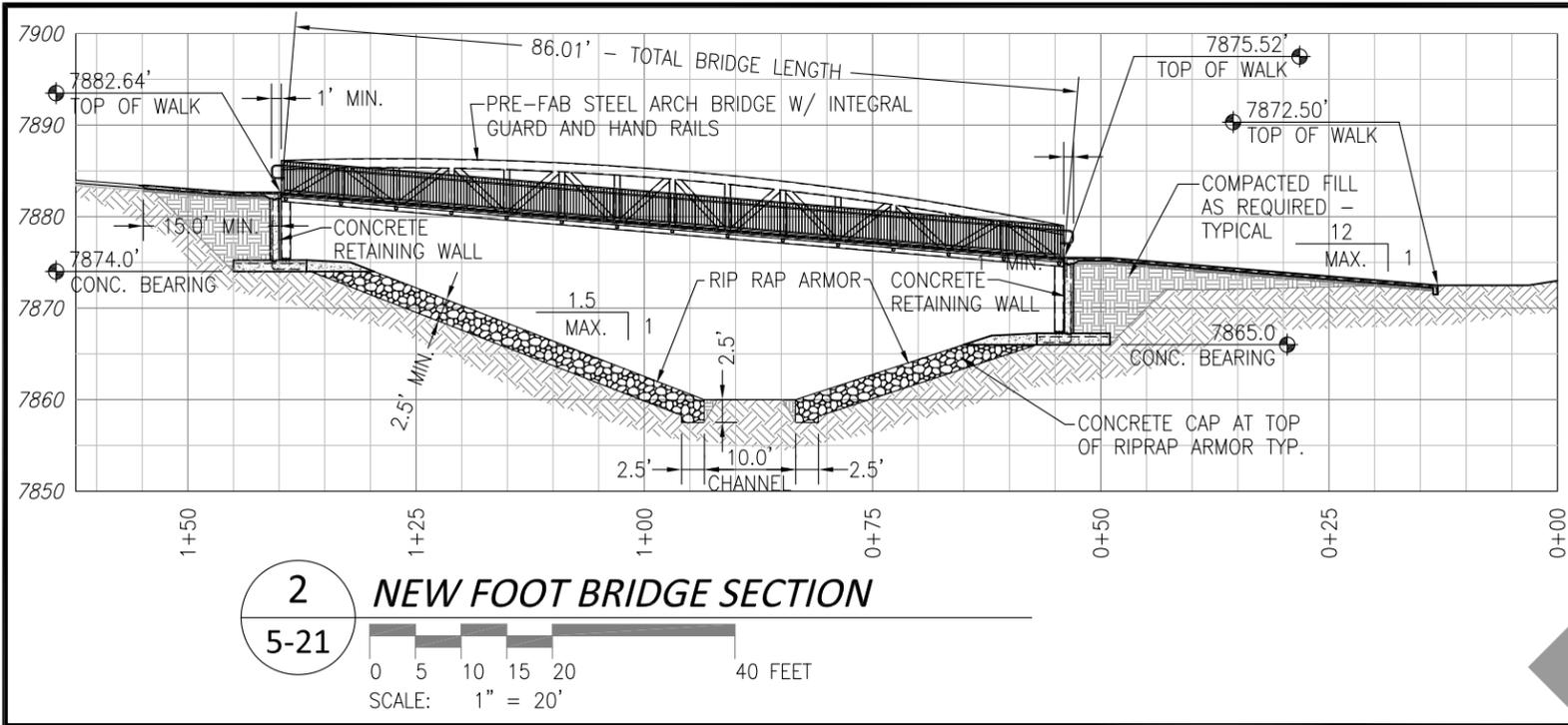
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- RECLAIMED INTERMEDIATE CONTOUR (1' INTERVALS)
- 7910 EXISTING INDEX CONTOUR (5' INTERVALS)
- EXISTING INTERMEDIATE CONTOURS (1' INTERVALS)
- DISTURBED AREA BOUNDARY
- ALTERNATE SEDIMENT CONTROL

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