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Dear Mr. Christensen,

The Manti-La Sal National Forest (FS) is responding to your letter regarding Genwal Resources final reclamation plan for the Crandall Canyon Mine dated November 23, 2018. It is my understanding that in order to manage the north portal mine groundwater discharge, upon removal of the water treatment facility, a pipeline would need to be installed and used as a conduit to convey the groundwater to the receiving waters of Huntington Creek. In order to accomplish this the FS would require Genwal Resources acquire a FS special-use-permit (SUP), and the project would be subject to an environmental analysis under the NEPA. The FS also requires Genwal Resources follow all state and federal regulations in order to approve the SUP. This includes the Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ) amended UPDES permit, which would allow groundwater discharging from the north portal mine to be discharged into Huntington Creek, ensuring compliance with the Clean Water Act. In addition, the FS could require wildlife and archeological surveys to also ensure the project is compliant with the Endangered Species Act and the State Historical Preservation Act.

The issuance of a SUP for this type of action was completed in July 2017 for the Deer Creek Mine and could be performed for Genwal in a similar manner. Below is a link to the Deer Creek Mine Pipeline NEPA project record located on the FS project website as a reference.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49573>

Thank you for consulting the FS in regards the Crandall Canyon Mine final reclamation plan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 435-636-3596

Sincerely,

Jeff Salow  
Geologist

