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Dear Mr. Christensen,

The Manti-La Sal National Forest (FS) is responding to your letter regarding the final reclamation plan for the Crandall Canyon Mine, Genwal Resources, Inc., C/015/0032 Task #6142, dated June 9, 2020. The FS has reviewed Genwal's plans for final reclamation and would like to comment on the revised Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP).

The FS would like to see the entire existing undisturbed culvert and inlet structure removed upon final reclamation. The currently proposed final reclamation plan calls for the retention of the inlet structure and 150 feet of the 72 inch diameter culvert. It is understood this section of culvert underlays a parking area for the Crandall Canyon Memorial (Emery County surface ownership and maintenance). FS would prefer to have Crandall Creek restored to its original contour, grade and natural state. Complete restoration of the creek would prevent excessive erosion and sedimentation to the watershed, allowing for greater vegetative success and natural blending of the surrounding area. This alternative would be compatible with the 1986 FS Land and Resource Management Plan.

The FS suggests combining both the memorial and trailhead parking area into one smaller parking area on the north side of Crandall Creek and to build a foot bridge over the creek that leads from the newly constructed parking area to the memorial.

The FS looks forward to working with the Utah Department of Oil, Gas and Mining on a final reclamation plan for the Crandall Canyon Mine. Thank you for consulting on this matter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jeff Salow at 435-636-3596 or [Jeffrey.Salow@usda.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Salow@usda.gov)

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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