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Message from Joyce Sorenson who requests that any new route constructed to transport coal around the town of Alton be defined in the application.

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Subject: Alton Coal Hollow Mine

State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
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Thank you for holding the meeting in Alton, Utah concerning the Coal Hollow Mine. Your people were exceptionally kind and accepting of all comments.

I would like to add a few more comments.

I feel that no company should be given a permit to drill or do whatever work it is they do, without having all the details and plans finalized and made known to all parties involved. We have heard that there will be no coal trucks traveling through Alton, and there will be an alternate route. No one will talk about the alternate route.

Mr. McCourt says they are going to start drilling this summer. I asked him what road they were taking to get the coal out, and he said, "we haven't decided yet." I find that hard to believe, since it's the starting of summer. Having been a business owner for a lot of my life, I find this unbelievable. This company is either very unorganized or dishonest.

My family homesteaded a ranch in this area over a hundred years ago. We want to keep what we have left here. It is not only our home, but the home of many animals and beautiful trees and flowers.

There are county roads going out of Alton every direction, but for some reason the Coal Company wants to build a new one right down the middle of our 200 acres. We told them that the property is not for sale. They made a very poor monetary offer and we turned it down. We also turned down a much better one in the last year by someone else. We have heard the rumor that they are going to go through the county to take it from us. Let's hope that's not true.

The people who are going to make millions of dollars from this coal project own thousands of acres of property in and surrounding Alton. We believe that the new road (if they feel it is necessary) should be built on their property, not on our few acres.

I find it amazing that no trucks will be allowed to haul coal through the town of Alton. These very people were telling the people from Hatch and Panguitch how much better off they will be by having these vehicles driving through their towns every few minutes day and night for the next thirty years.

Please make this Coal Company accountable for everything they plan to do here before you permit them to begin mining.

Sincerely,

Joyce S. Sorensen
Shirlee Bentley and Families

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