

From: Dana Dean
To: Connie Jones
CC: OGMCOAL
Date: 10/6/2010 4:05 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Hollow Mine

Ms. Jones,

Thank you for clarifying your concern, I wasn't aware that you thought the trucks would be heading all the way to I-70 on Highway 89. In reality, the coal will be trucked up Highway 89 to the junction with SR20, where it will be taken to I-15. The final destination for the trucks is a railhead in Cedar City. Further transportation to the end market will be by train.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Thank you,

>>> Connie Jones <pinecreekcabins@hotmail.com> 10/6/2010 3:34 PM >>>

Why is this coal being TRUCKED up highway 89 to I-70 over to Delta rather than taking a shorter route over to I-15 with less exposure to the single lane highway 89. This will distroy what little business Piute County has. We are already the poorest county in the state and this will distroy what little revenue this county can generate. Why has the route changed? Please provide this reasoning.

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> Date: Wed, 6 Oct 2010 14:30:08 -0600
> From: danadean@utah.gov
> To: pinecreekcabins@hotmail.com
> CC: juliecarter@utah.gov; kaelynansinsen@utah.gov; OGMCOAL@utah.gov
> Subject: Coal Hollow Mine
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> Ms. Jones,
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> Governor Herbert has asked that I respond to your recent communication regarding the Coal Hollow Mine permit. I thank you for taking the time to express your concerns regarding coal mining in the Alton area.
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> State and Federal Statutes govern the approval or denial of coal mining permit applications. Provided proper processes have been followed and an applicant has met legal requirements we are obligated to issue a permit.
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> Neither the State nor the Federal Government have the discretion to disallow mining activity when all legal requirements are met.
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> An appeal process exists through the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. Such an appeal was pursued by the Sierra Club and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance late last year. After several months of hearings, concentrated on technical and legal considerations, the Board found that Alton Coal Development had met the legal standard to receive a mine permit. The decision may be appealed to the

Utah Supreme Court, but no such request has been made to date.

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> Thank you for your comments, if you have further questions regarding the legal standards that must be met to receive a mine permit, please feel free to contact me directly.

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> Sincerely,

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