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**Subject: 2014 Sage-grouse Mitigation Plan, Task #4373, Alton Coal Development, LLC,
Coal Hollow Project, Kane County, Utah, C/025/0005**

Dear Mr. Haddock,

In a letter date December 2, 2012, the Division asked that ACD provide the plans for the mitigation of approximately 240 acres (required by the MRP Alton Sage-grouse Habitat Mitigation Plan found in appendix 3-5 page 14). The required due date of the plans was March 31, 2014. Since the date of the letter, ACD has through an Incidental Boundary Change added an additional 85.88 acres to the permit area. For this increase in acreage, the Division has required an additional 344 acres of mitigation be completed by January 31, 2015. ACD will provide one plan for the completion of all of the 584 acres of mitigation work required this year.

ACD has been in communication with Joe Helfrich of the Division and Allen Clark who works with the Watershed Restoration Initiative. Plans have been made to meet April 16th, 17th and/or 18th near the mine to view projects that would be available for ACD to participate in that would satisfy Coal Hollow Mines requirements for Sage-grouse mitigation in 2014. It is anticipated that a project will be selected well before the appropriate season that Sage-grouse mitigation work can be completed (typically beginning after July 15th). Others that may attend in this planning session if available are Rhett Boswell (DWR), Lisa Church (BLM) and Kevin Heaton (County extension Agent).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions 435-691-1551.

Sincerely

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