



Technical Analysis and Findings

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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Operation Plan

Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement Plan

Analysis:

On December 16, 2015 the Division received the 2015 annual sage grouse report that was due by October 31st. This memo will include an analyses and findings of that information. It should also be noted that the 2014 annual sage grouse report has not been approved.

ACD will has consulted with DOGM, DWR, Dr. Nicki Frye and FWS to determine the specific criterion for implementing the following components of the sage grouse management plan as noted in Appendix 3-8:

- Employee Observations;
- Monthly Bird Surveys;
- GPS Collaring and Monitoring;
- Noise Detection and Sound Assessment;
- Habitat Mitigation;
- Vegetation Improvements and Monitoring and;
- Predator Control. These components and criteria will be incorporated into the appropriate section of Chapter 3 of the current MRP.

The information in the amendment is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations. The amendment is recommended for approval.

Deficiencies Details:

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