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Kirk Nicholes, Resident Agent
Alton Coal Development, LLC
463 North 100 West, Suite 1
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Subject: Conditional Approval of Chapter 3 Mitigation Edits, Alton Coal Development, LLC,
Coal Hollow Mine, C/025/0005, Task #5626

Dear Mr. Nicholes:

The above-referenced amendment is approved conditioned upon receipt of 2 clean copies prepared for incorporation. Please submit these copies by May 3, 2018. Once we receive these copies, final approval will be granted.

A stamped incorporated copy of the approved plans will also be returned to you at that time, for insertion into your copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Coal Program Manager

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Technical Analysis and Findings

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

PID: C0250005
TaskID: 5626
Mine Name: COAL HOLLOW
Title: CHAPTER 3 MITIGATION EDITS

Operation Plan

Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement Plan

Analysis:

The amendment meets the State of Utah R645-301-342 requirements for fish and wildlife protection and enhancement plan. The submitted amendment updates the acreage provided in Chapter 3, page 3-31. This section of the MRP details the compensatory sage grouse mitigation projects and acreages completed to date. The Bald Knoll Lop and Scatter treatment done in 2017, WRI Project ID 4414, added 300 acres of habitat improvement for the North Private Lease bringing the total to 891.79 acres for that lease. The total for the South Lease remains unchanged at 1700 total acres of habitat improvement mitigation.

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