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UTU-77161  
U-63214  
(UT-070)

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ACT/041/002  
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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Canyon Fuels Company, LLC, has submitted an application for a coal access entry right-of-way to extend development entries into an unleased block of coal north-east of the current mine workings at the SUFCO Mine, ACT/041/002. This letter is to inform you of our approval of the application and give our concurrence to adding this area into the approved permit area.

This application (UTU-77161) was submitted pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and governed by the regulations at 43 CFR 2800 and 3431. Canyon Fuel showed a need to extend the 14 Left 4 East longwall development entries north off of Federal lease U-63214 into unleased Federal coal in Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 5 East, SLM. This right-of-way for a corridor 3,925 feet long and 300 feet wide would allow for orderly development of the next longwall panel for an area that has been applied for lease under lease modification U-63214. The lease modification application is tied to the Pines Coal Tract Environmental Impact Statement and will not be completed timely to allow continuation of the development entries. Current safety and ventilation regulations will not allow for mining to economically backdrive the entries from the north behind a working longwall section. The coal in the area could be by-passed should the 14 Left 4 East development entries not be extended at this time. The right-of-way would also allow exploration of the area where coal data is lacking.

The right-of-way application meets all our requirements and is therefore approved. In addition, an extension of the resource recovery and protection plan (R2P2) for these three entries into the right-of-way area is complete and accepted under the requirements of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, and will achieve maximum economic recovery. Canyon Fuel is authorized to mine the three-entry system with no full extraction which will cause no surface disturbance. We therefore give our concurrence for adding this right-of-way to the SUFCO Mine permit area.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Mackiewicz or Stephen Falk of my staff at (435) 636-3600.

Sincerely,

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