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ACT/04/002 #2*

Re: Underground Right-of-Way Application, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC.

Dear Ms. Kaiser:

Please find enclosed a copy of the subject application (a serial number will be assigned shortly and you will be informed). Canyon Fuel has proposed to begin development mining on the newly acquired Pines coal lease (UTU-76195) in anticipation of Federal mine plan approval for the whole of the tract. Delays in leasing and the new safety requirement for a fire barrier to the next longwall panel (requires extra development entries) has put Canyon Fuel behind on longwall development in the Pines tract before the estimated time for Federal mine plan approval. The underground right-of-way would allow main entry development into the tract while the approval process continues. No full extraction mining would occur in the right-of-way as this is main entry and longwall gateroad development, hence no subsidence to the surface. Canyon Fuel estimates that the 160 acre right-of-way would give sufficient time of development mining during the Federal mine plan approval process to avoid the curtailing of continuous longwall mining because of undeveloped longwall panels.

Please review the application and provide environmental documentation as this area is under national forest lands. Please note that the proposed development mining in the 160 acre right-of-way is the same as the reasonable development scenario evaluated in the Pines Tract Environmental Impact Statement and should be referenced in any needed environmental documentation. Should you have any questions, please contact Mark Mackiewicz or Stephen Falk of my staff at 636-3600.

Sincerely,

THOMAS E. RASMUSSEN

Richard L. Manus
Field Manager

Enclosure
Right-of-Way Application

cc: Utah State Office, (UT-921) (w/o encl.)
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