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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Dick:

We have reviewed the proposed underground Right-of-Way (ROW) and corresponding 160-acre Incidental Boundary Change (IBC) proposed by Canyon Fuel Company, LLC. for construction of full-support mine workings (SUFCO Mine) in the Pines Coal Lease Tract area.

We have determined that the proposal is consistent with the findings of the Pines Tract Project Final Environmental Impact Statement and the decisions made by the Forest Supervisor in the January 28, 1999, Record of Decision (ROD). In this ROD, the Forest Supervisor consented to leasing of the proposed Pines Coal Lease Tract as well as underground mining and subsidence consistent with that predicted for the selected alternative (Combination of Alternatives C and D). The impacts potentially associated with the proposal and future dependant actions in the ROW/IBC area are addressed under Alternative D. Permitting of other mine actions within the ROW or adjacent areas would be subject to the appropriate permitting actions and Forest Service consent/concurrence.

Based on the above findings the Forest Service is not required to conduct additional environmental analysis for the proposal and the Forest Service hereby consents to issuance of the ROW by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management. This decision is limited at this time to the proposed full-support mining operations confined within the 160-acre ROW/IBC area. The Forest Service will address approval of the IBC for the SUFCO Mine Permit in a separate letter addressed to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining with a copy to be sent to your office.

Sincerely,

for
DONALD G. FULLMER
Acting Forest Supervisor

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