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TO: File

THRU: Joe Helfrich, Permit Supervisor *JH*

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RE: Final Reclamation Seed Mix, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, SUFCO Mine, ACT/041/002-99A, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

On February 18, 1999, the Division received a proposal from Canyon Fuel Company to modify the final reclamation seed mix. Personnel of the Manti-Lasal National Forest have reviewed the changes and indicated through e mail they concur. Bob Campbell of the Fishlake National Forest concurred verbally. The Division will need to receive written approval.

With approval of the Link Canyon substation, the Forest Service specified a seed mix that conflicted with the one in the approved mining and reclamation plan. This submittal is intended to resolve this conflict.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

RECLAMATION PLAN

REVEGETATION

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-341

Analysis:

The applicant has proposed to remove rubber rabbitbrush and yellow sweet clover from the final reclamation seed mix and to add fourwing saltbush. These changes are in response to requests from the Division and the Forest Service and are in compliance with the performance standards.

The Forest Service indicated the applicant needs to use the revegetation techniques specified in the Environmental Assessment for the Link Canyon Substation. These techniques

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do not conflict with those shown in the mining and reclamation plan.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposal is considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The proposed amendment can be approved once the Division receives concurrence from the Forest Service.