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Dear Pamela:

The Manti-La Sal National Forest has reviewed Canyon Fuel Company's proposal to repair subsidence cracks along the east and west rims of the East Fork of Box Canyon, as provided to us from your office last week via electronic mail.

To ensure the protection of non-coal interests on National Forest System lands as prescribed by lease stipulations, and to retain productivity for post mining land uses, the operator must adhere to the following terms and conditions:

- Commercial hauling on National Forest System roads must be authorized by Road-Use Permit.
- Topsoil must be conserved (removed/stockpiled) from the repair area(s) prior to beginning repair activities.
- Crack repairs must be performed such that restored topsoil depths are approximately equal to pre-disturbance depths without appreciable mounding over the crack area(s).
- Topsoil must be replaced and spread to a uniform depth over the repair area(s); any imported topsoil must be from a certified weed-free source and covered by at least six inches of native topsoil.
- Reclaimed areas must be seeded at twice the application rate specified for drill site disturbances.
- Noxious weeds must be controlled within the disturbed area(s) until revegetation standards have been satisfied.

No fencing of the project area is necessary at this time since livestock will not be present in the area during the remainder of the 2004 season or during the 2005 season.

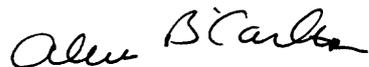
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Due to these hazards posed to humans and animals, the Forest Service is anxious to see this plan implemented as soon as possible. Please contact Tom Lloyd with the project schedule or if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice B. Carlton".

ALICE B. CARLTON
Forest Supervisor

cc:

Carter Reed
Tom Lloyd, D2/3
Canyon Fuel Co.