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Allen Rowley, Acting Forest Supervisor
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Subject: Northwater Mitigation Plan, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Sufco Mine, C/041/0002

Dear Mr. Rowley:

On April 13, 2012, the Division received a mitigation proposal for the Northwater spring area of the Pines Tract coal lease. The mitigation plan addresses water replacement measures that the Sufco Mine is proposing to undertake as a result of subsidence affects to three springs in the area from longwall mining activities. In the fall of 2011, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Emery County Stock Growers Association met to discuss the mitigation proposal that the Sufco mine is putting forward. At that meeting, all parties were in general agreement that the proposal would be an acceptable solution to fulfill the water replacement needs in the region.

At that meeting, the Forest Service requested that they have an opportunity to comment on the final proposal. A copy of the proposed amendment can be found on the Division website at the following location:

<https://fs.ogm.utah.gov/FILES/COAL/PERMITS/041/C0410002/2012/INCOMING/04132012/0001.pdf>.

The files can be accessed using this link with both the username & password as ogmquest. One important point the proposal makes is that the Point of Diversion and Use claim at the location of the in stream pump is currently registered to Sufco and should be transferred over to the Forest Service. In the interest of long term (post mine) use of this system, please let us know if you intend to file a transfer of this claim.

Please review the amendment and submit your comments or concerns to us by no later than May 2, 2012. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact me at (801) 538-5325 or April Abate at (801) 538-5214.

Sincerely,


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