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UTU 84102, UTU 761956

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Bowie Resource Partners
Mark Bunnell, Geologist
c/o Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
SUFCO Mine
397 South 800 West
Salina, Utah 84654

Re: Approval of Minor Coal Exploration Plan, SUFCO Mine UTU 84102 and UTU76195,
Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bunnell:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a plan to conduct coal exploration for the SUFCO Mine from Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, a subsidiary of Bowie Partners, LLC, dated March 6, 2018. The proposed plan is to drill up to ten (10) exploration holes on their existing leases (UTU 84102 and UTU76195) located in the Greens Hollow federal coal lease area and also in the southeastern part of the Quitchupah federal coal lease. The submitted plan meets the requirements of 43 CFR §3482.1(a). Primary access to the exploration sites will be by helicopter, which will be staged at the head of the North Fork of Quitchupah Creek. This plan involves strictly helicopter assisted drilling activities and no new road construction is required.

Required cultural and wildlife surveys have been performed, and the Manti-LaSal and Fish Lake National Forests (the Surface Management Agency, or SMA) concurred with the proposed exploration in June, 2018 as required by 43 CFR §3482.2(a)(1).

The BLM approves the requested exploration plan for UTU 84102 and UTU 76195, subject to the terms and conditions of the two Federal Coal Leases and the Special Stipulations attached hereto. The approval is also subject to the attached US Forest Service Required Conditions of Approval, also attached hereto (dated July 31, 2018).

The existing production bond for the SUFCO Mine and these leases is deemed sufficient and no

further bonding is required.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations outlined in 43 CFR Part 4, and the enclosed form 1842-1. If an appeal is made, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days of your receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error.

If you have any questions with this matter, please call Mike Glasson at (435) 636-3651 or Steve Rigby at (435) 636-3604.

Sincerely,



Chris Conrad
Field Manager

Enclosure

cc:

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Special Stipulations

1. **Plugging of drill holes** – All drill holes must be plugged in accordance with Federal (BLM) and State regulations. When performing hole plugging, and in combination with requirements for protection of aquifers, coal seam sealing and surface plugging [3484.1(a)(3) and 3484.2(a)], the permittee or licensee shall specifically follow the manufacturer's recommendations for mixing various plugging materials. These materials, including but not limited to "Abandonite" and/or cement for example, shall be mixed strictly according to the manufacturer's instructions unless it is shown to have been blended to *even more effective* mixtures than the minimum recommendation. Records of both the manufacturer's mixing instructions and records of actual mixtures used in the field, (including for example gallons of water used, bags of materials used and etc.), shall be made available to the authorized officer or his/her representative upon request *in the field*. These records shall also be made a part of the exploration reports submitted to the authorized officer upon completion of the exploration project.
2. The Authorized Officer shall be made aware of any proposed changes to the Plan of Operations and shall be approved by the Authorized Officer prior to implementation.
3. All drilling data, including coal thicknesses and coal quality shall be submitted to the BLM Price Field office at the conclusion of the program. This is to include supplemental data such as complete copies of electric logs.
4. The permittee shall notify the BLM at least 24 hours in advance of the anticipated completion of each drill hole and in any event, prior to commencing abandonment procedures.