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

Attn: Mark Bunnell, Geologist

Re: Approval of Supplemental Minor Coal Exploration Plan, SUFCO Mine UTU 63214, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bunnell:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a plan to conduct supplemental coal exploration for the SUFCO Mine from Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, a subsidiary of Bowie Partners, LLC, originally dated March 6, 2018 and supplemented August 16, 2018. The proposed plan is to drill up to three (3) additional exploration holes in the northern portion of their existing federal lease known as Quitchupah (UTU 63214) located south of the Greens Hollow federal coal lease area. The purpose of the supplemental holes is to define the northern boundary of the Paleo-channel which was previously discovered during the underground mining cycle in this vicinity. The channel sandstone reduces the coal seam locally to as little as four (4) feet in thickness, whereas the undisrupted seam is generally 10-12 feet in this area and could also interrupt access into the recently permitted Greens Hollow Federal Lease and/or the two South Fork federal lease modifications, which are nearing their respective sale date. 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 Fish Lake National Forest (the Surface Management Agency, or SMA) has concurred with the proposed exploration as required by 43 CFR §3482.2(a)(1).

The BLM approves the requested exploration plan for UTU 63214, subject to the terms and conditions of the Federal Coal Lease and the Special Stipulations attached hereto. The approval is also subject to the US Forest Service Required Conditions of Approval, which were attached to the original 10-hole exploration program, approved earlier this summer season and shall remain in effect for the supplemental 1, 2 or 3 holes.

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

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