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Sufco- S. Fork Lease Modification

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Hi Nicole,

I'm writing to request a finding from OSM as to whether the Sufco Mine's proposed modifications to the Quitchupah (U-63214) and Greens Hollow Leases (UTU-84102) requires a Federal Mine Plan approval from OSM.

The company has proposed the addition of 620 acres to the Greens Hollow Lease and 170 acres to the Quitchupah Lease (additional 790 acres total). As I'm sure you're aware, the company previously acquired significant portions of both those leases.

The company appears to have obtained the leases on March 1st, 2019. Upon review of the proposed mine plan, the panels are contained within the existing CHIA boundary. However; the proposed lease boundary extensions go beyond the CHIA boundary. I'm not sure if that's significant for you or not. From DOGM's perspective, a significant revision would not be triggered per our rules as the mining activity is contained within the existing CHIA.

I've attached Plate 5-7, 5 Year Projection, and outlined the proposed lease expansion areas for both the Greens Hollow and Quitchupah Lease.

As with the Pines East project, please let me know if there's any additional information I can provide you that will help with the mine plan determination question. I did request tonnage information from the company as I did before with the Pines East determination. I have yet to receive that information.

Regards,
Steve

p.s. Just a quick fyi- We are wrapping up our Pines East technical review (no deficiencies). That said, we'll sit tight until we hear back from you on whether that amendment rises to Federal mine plan approval or not.

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