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James W. Smith Jr. Mine Land Development Coordinator  
Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Oil Gas & Mining  
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SUBJECT: Summit Coal Company Sections 25, 36, T 3 N, R 6 E, SLB&M

Dear Mr. Smith:

Bill Blonquist of Coalville has submitted an application to the Summit County Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Permit to open and operate a new underground coal mine in the Chalk Creek area, approximately 11 miles east of Coalville, The majority of the support facilities for the proposed mining operation are within 500 ft. of a county road. Summit County zoning regulations require a conditional permit for coal mine operations in this area, which is a residential zone.

The hearing before the Planning Commission regarding Mr. Blonquist's application was held October 11, 1983. Our conditional permit process required notification of all property owners within 1,000 feet of a proposed use, consequently a considerable number of interested people attended the hearing. Most of those in attendance were there to observe, however, the owners of three parcels closest to the proposed mine site voiced several concerns to the Planning Commission. As a result of the concerns raised by adjacent property owners, the Planning Commission tabled any decision on the conditional use permit pending clarification of those issues.

The issues are: 1) site reclamation, particularly with regard to contamination of nearby culinary water wells, and on - off site erosion, 2) blasting, and 3) bonding requirements particularly possible loopholes wherein reclamation may be delayed indefinitely or never occur.

In behalf of the Summit County Planning Commission I hereby request your written input to assist in clarifying these issues, particularly with regard to the Division of Oil Gas & Mining requirements in these areas.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jerry Smith, Assistant Director  
Summit County Planning Office

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