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State of Utah
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Box 4241
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Salt Lake City, UT

Attn: Tom Tetting

Re: Proposed coal mine in the Chalk Creek area of Summit County, Utah
Property description - S 1/2 S 1/2 Sec. 25, T3N, R6E, of the N 1/2
N 1/2 Sec. 36, T3N, R6E.

Dear Tom:

We, as family members, are writing this letter listing some of the complaints which we have, in reference to the proposed coal mine in the Chalk Creek area of Summit County, Utah. We, as mineral right holders, would oppose any issuance of a permit to mine based on the following reasons:

1. The coal mineral rights are a point of litigation presently. Certain mineral right holders have not been formally contacted concerning mineral rights nor have they been informed of any intent to mine said coal mine. We have found out everything second-hand. In doing a preliminary title search, the records indicate there are a minimum of eight families of record holding mineral interests. These families, or mineral right holders, have varying percentages of ownership. How can Mr. Blonquist and his associates determine whose minerals they are going to extract out of the ground? Also, Mr. Blonquist and his associates have filed with the State of Utah that the mineral right ownership is owned by a William Boyer who is no longer living and has been deceased for many years.

2. The proposed mine, appurtenant structures, equipment, storage and space for spoilage are in close proximity to our homes. Not only us, but also another dwelling owner are within approximately 300 yards of this mine

site. These homes are both new dwellings and are in use year round. The homes were built here not only because of our nearby farm, but also because of the peace and tranquility of this particular area. This area adjacent to the proposed mine is also a family park with six members of ownership and over 21 families using the area. This land is also used for reunions, camping, fishing and hunting with more homes planned in the future. See notation on UMC 761.11 (b1) and also UMC 761.5 (a).

3. The proposed mine and mining operations will be located right next to a county road. Due to the small surface area as well as the steep mountain terrain, the equipment, sheds and holding ponds would have to be clustered right next to the main road. We do not believe this will comply with county or state regulations. See UMC 761.11 (4) (4i) (B).

4. We are also concerned over natural land hazards in the proposed mine area. We are not geologists, but, over the years, we know of many flash floods in this area of Chalk Creek. This particular ravine running through the mine site is deep. Unstable soil is a constant problem, along with erosion. Recently, the floor of this ravine, or hollow, has been elevated by tons of clay from erosion at an oil well site one half mile north. A site inspection will reveal information as to steep terrain and fragile ecology in this location and would probably find it to be unsuitable. UMC 762.5 definitions and UMC 762.11 (a) (2) (4).

5. The only direction the mine can expand in the future is towards the north. We own the surface rights approximately 100 feet north of the mine shaft site which we will not be willing to lease now or in the future for mining expansion. UMC 782-15 UMC 784-16.

6. Both the surface and ground water to our home dwellings and property could be disturbed by such an operation. Our water supply is drawn from the underground wells. We would certainly be concerned about the contamination by any mining activities. As far as any surface discharge is concerned, it appears to us that our farm ditch would pick up all the run-off and discharge from the potential mining area, which would affect a total of approximately six farmers using the same ditch. Any discharge such as alkaline materials, sulfur, or other chemicals could sterilize the soil and/or kill the animals drinking out of the ditch. Once again, we are discussing the adjacent farm properties. UMC 783.13 (a) (1) (3) - UMC 783.14 (iii) (iv) - UMC 783.16 (a) - UMC 783.17 - UMC 783.25(G).

7. In this same location, consideration must be given to the wildlife habitat which would include deer, elk, coyote, moose, bobcat, eagles and other game animals. Because of the usually harsh winters, this area becomes the wintering range ground for these particular animals and should be given a priority consideration as to their needs and survival. UMC 783.20(a).

8. It seems ironic that someone would want to open a new mine at this time with all the start-up costs involved - especially if you consider the closures of mines down in southern Utah due to the diminishing use of coal.

We would like to look at their financial statements and proposed statements of where they think they will be able to generate the capital to work with since this will take millions of dollars.

Within a short distance of the proposed mine, we also have to contend with the Black Hawk Coal Mine. There the sheds, equipment and other things for mining go unused. Since the costs are so prohibitive they are unable to comply with standards and are unable to sell said mining site. We are

afraid that they will want to open this new mine up and run into the same problems. Thus, we will have the same eyesores on both sides of the mountain creating two inactive mines. This would be both hazardous and dangerous to the community. UMC 764.13(B) "The demand for coal" UMC 783.25 (e) "Inactive mines".

9. In most mine activities there is also a need for explosives so danger is always present. With the close proximity of the homes, foundations and wall cracking would also be a constant threat to our dwellings. Also, there is a potential danger of children finding explosives and blasting caps with the family park so close to the proposed mining site. UMC 817.62 (a) (b) (c); UMC 817.65.

10. In light of physical appearances and nuisances of a mining operation, we feel that our home dwellings and property would be greatly diminished in their market value if the mine was to be opened. In any such event we should be compensated for any loss of value prior to any mining activities. This would be as a last resort on our part, since we do not wish to leave this area.

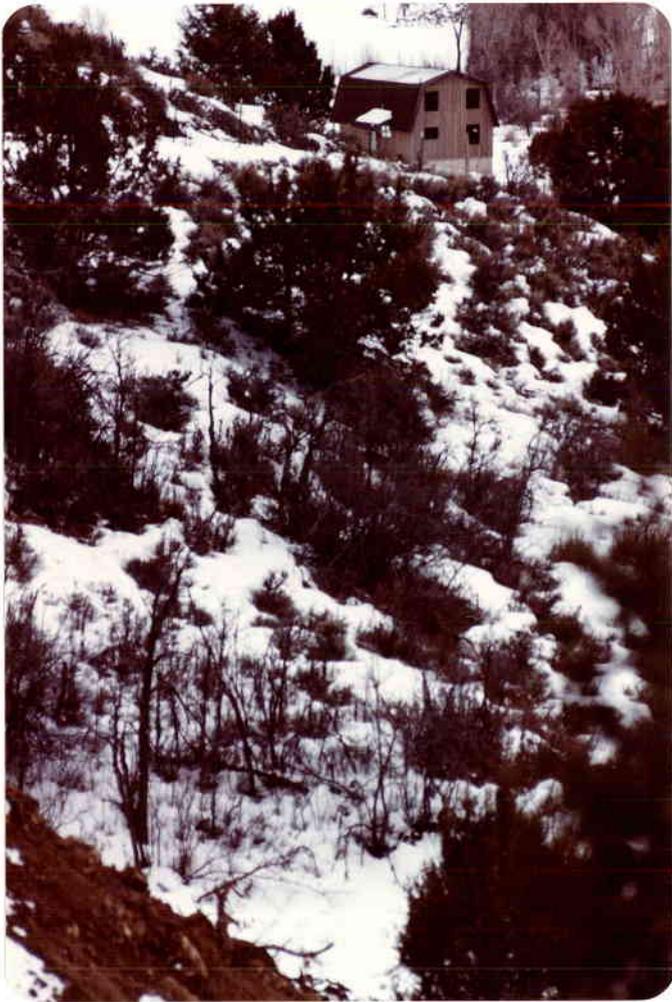
Being mineral and surface right owners, we hope you will give serious consideration to some of these items and hope that there will not be an issuance of any permit. Hopefully, your decision will be in the best interest of the public in the community and the people it affects.

We respectfully solicit your help as it pertains to our rights and our future in this community.

Sincerely,

THE BOYERS
Fern Boyer
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Proximity of home to mine site



Ravine running thru mine site



Fragile ecology



Physical scarring from exploration

PICTURES TAKEN JAN. 22, 1983 AT PROPOSED MINE SITE.