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B&H Quarry (Haas - South of Mayfield; S/039/0020)

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To: Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

I spoke with Bill Christianson, who is the property owner at the B&H quarry where Bryce Haas had his saw and a quarry. Being the landowner, he doesn't want to be left with any liability with us or anyone else as a result of past mining operations on his property. That's his biggest concern, and he is not in a hurry to get it done. Bill plans to talk with Bryce to see if he will do any reclamation work. I explained bond forfeiture, and that it would be the end of the year or early 2013 before we would likely have a hearing, assuming Bryce can't or won't reclaim. I explained why he was closed down and Bryce's other sites generally.

Bill said that he is not concerned about the quality or quantity of reclamation as long as he isn't left with any liabilities. I offered to meet Bill on-site at some point to go over reclamation priorities that he might have. Bill offered to write a letter to us, indicating that he is OK with the Division's reclamation of the site, if it helps resolve the issue, and I told him we would like that, since the bond (~$10,000) won't be enough to completely reclaim.

The primary concern that immediately comes to mind is making sure that the highwall at the property boundary between Christianson and DWR is buttressed / backfilled, so that adjacent DWR property isn't affected. Other preliminary priorities in my mind are the removal of trash / any hazardous waste (there might be a few barrels of something), and reclamation of anything that would be a general safety hazard (berms over highwalls), and as much earthwork as can be done. I don't think there's topsoil. There is apparently some equipment left on-site. Bill said that someone removed the big, broken-down loader about 3 weeks ago.

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Reclamation Priorities