UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

This mining plan approval document is issued by the United States of America to:

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC HC 35 Box 380 Helper, UT 84526

for a mining plan modification to mine within new Federal Coal Lease UTU-77114 at the Skyline Mine. This mining plan approval supplements all previous mining plan approvals for the Skyline Mine. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC is hereinafter referred to as the operator. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Statutes and Regulations. This mining plan approval is issued pursuant to Federal Coal Lease UTU-77114; the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*); and in the case of acquired lands, the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.*). This mining plan approval is subject to all applicable laws and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior which are now or hereafter in force; and all such laws and regulations are made a part hereof. The operator shall comply with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution and Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*), and other applicable Federal laws.
- 2. This document approves the mining plan modification for Federal Coal Lease UTU-77114 at the Skyline Mine and authorizes coal development or mining operations on the Federal leases within the area of mining plan approval. This authorization reaffirms the approved mining plan area located within Federal coal lands.

Township 13 South, Range 6 East, Salt Lake Meridian Section 21, Lots 1-4, E¹/₂E¹/₂; Section 28, Lots 1-8, S¹/₂NW1/4, SW¹/₄; and Section 33, E¹/₂, E¹/₂W¹/₂, NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄

Township 14 South, Range 6 East, Salt Lake Meridian Section 4, Lots 1-4 S¹/₂N¹/₂, S¹/₂; and Section 5, Lots 1-4 S¹/₂N¹/₂, S¹/₂

These lands encompass approximately 2,692 Federal coal acres and are shown on the mining plan approval area map attached hereto as Attachment A.

3. The operator shall conduct coal development or mining operations only as described in the complete permit application approved by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, except as otherwise directed in the conditions of this mining plan approval.

- 4. The operator shall comply with the terms and conditions of the leases, this mining plan approval, and the requirements of the Utah Permit No. C/007/0005 issued under the Utah State program, approved pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*).
- 5. This mining plan approval shall be binding on any person conducting coal development or mining operations under the approved mining plan and shall remain in effect until superseded, canceled, or withdrawn.
- 6. If, during mining operations, unidentified prehistoric or historic resources are discovered, the operator shall ensure that the resources are not disturbed and shall notify the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. The operator shall take such actions as are required by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in coordination with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.
- 7. The Secretary retains jurisdiction to modify or cancel this approval, as required, on the basis of further consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq*.

Katharine S. MacGregor

Katharine S. MacGregor Acting Assistant Secretary Land and Minerals Management

Date

Attachment