

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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

Alton Coal Development, LLC  
463 North 100 West  
Cedar City, Utah 84721

for a new mining plan for a portion of Federal lease UTU-081895 at the Coal Hollow Mine. This mining plan approval is the first for the Coal Hollow Mine. The approval is subject to the following conditions. Alton Coal Development, LLC is hereinafter referred to as the operator.

1. Statutes and Regulations: This mining plan approval is issued pursuant to Federal lease UTU-081895; 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 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 new mining plan for a portion of Federal lease UTU-081895 at the Coal Hollow Mine and authorizes coal development or mining operations on the Federal lease within the area of mining approval. This authorization approves mining Federal coal for the first time at the Coal Hollow Mine in the following Federal coal lands:

UTU-081895

T. 39 S., R. 5 W., Salt Lake Baseline and Meridian (SLM)

Sec. 19, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

Sec. 20, N1/2SW1/4

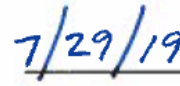
These lands in Federal lease UTU-081895 encompass approximately 42.6 acres and are found on the United States Geological Service 7.5 minute Quadrangle map of Alton Quadrangle, as shown in the map appended hereto as Attachment A.

3. The operator shall conduct coal development or mining operations only as described in the complete permit application package, and 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 lease, this mining plan approval, and the requirements of Utah Permit No. C/025/0005 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 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.



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Joseph R. Balash  
Assistant Secretary  
Land and Minerals Management  
U.S. Department of the Interior



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Date

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