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### **Trey Patterson**

From:

Jason Russell < j.russell@ambreenergy-na.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 8:30 AM

To:

Trey Patterson

Cc:

Jordan Sweeney

Subject:

Bighorn property

Hi Trey, thanks for making time to meet on short notice yesterday. I have copied Jordan Sweeney on this email, Jordan is out acting Land Man and manager of the Bighorn property. Please feel free to communicate directly with him. I look forward to dealing with in the future.

Kind regards

Jason Russell BSc, MPhil (Geotech), AUSIMM Manager Geological Services

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From:

Trey Patterson

Sent:

Monday, March 30, 2015 11:56 AM

To:

Jordan Sweeney

Subject:

RE: Bighorn property

Jordan,

I am available to meet with you the week of April 27 to discuss the Ramaco mining plan in the Big Horn property area. I know Hal Corbett is out for a few weeks now but will be back by then. Let me know what dates you are thinking and we will get it scheduled. I am available to visit on the phone if you would like.

Trey

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From:

Trey Patterson

Sent:

Wednesday, September 02, 2015 8:13 AM

To:

'Jordan Sweeney'

Subject:

RE: Land Use - Big Horn Properties

Jordan, I will give you a call about 1:30 today.

Trey

**From:** Jordan Sweeney [mailto:j.sweeney@lhr-inc.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 8:27 AM

To: Trey Patterson

Subject: FW: Land Use - Big Horn Properties

Trey-

I got your message and will be available during the afternoon on Wednesday. 1:30 pm will work for me if that is good for you.

Thank You,

Jordan

From: Jordan Sweeney

**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 1:42 PM **To:** Trey Patterson (<u>trey@padlockranch.com</u>) **Subject:** Land Use - Big Horn Properties

Hi Trey,

I was wondering if when you have a moment, if you could give me a call to catchup regarding the Big Horn Property and our thoughts on moving forward with potential uses of the Facilities area and the rail siding adjacent to the main BNSF Line.

Thank You,

Jordan



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Anthony T. Wendtland Wendtland & Wendtland LLP 2161 Coffeen Avenue, Suite 301 Sheridan, Wyoming 82801 SEP 25 2015 CROWLEY FLECK PLLP

RE: County Road #1233 (a.k.a. Country Nite Club Road)

Dear Mr. Wendtland,

Thank you for your letter dated August 6, 2015. Sheridan County is aware of the documents referenced in your letter regarding County Road #1233 and is also aware that Brook Mine Co, LLC and Ramaco Wyoming Coal, LLC plan to use County Road #1233 for access to the Brook Mine once it is developed and permitted.

With regard to maintenance of County Road #1233, Sheridan County will manage it in the same manner as all roads within its County Road System. Repairs and maintenance will be completed as time and finances allow bearing in mind the existence of the 1981 agreement with Big Horn Coal Company. Currently, County Road #1233's road surface is adequate to serve the type and traffic volumes using the road.

Respectfully,

Ken Muller, P.E.

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County Engineer

Cc: Lynn Smith, Deputy County Attorney

Jeff Oven, Esq., Crowley Fleck PLLP P.O. Box 2529 Billings MT 59103-2529

From:

Jordan Sweeney <j.sweeney@lhr-inc.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:38 PM

To:

Trey Patterson

Subject:

Big Horn Coal - Update

**Attachments:** 

5784235\_1.pdf; Ltr to Wendtland from Public Works Dept 09-21-15.PDF

Trey-

Attached are two documents received this past week in our office. The first attachment is the Judge's order on the pending motions for summary judgement, requested by RAMACO.

The second attachment is a letter to RAMACO's lawyers that is in response to a previous request from RAMACO for the county of Sheridan that requested that the county require Big Horn Coal to upgrade the county road located that the South entrance to the mine property off of Hwy 314. Again, both responses in these documents are in lieu of a premature request from RAMACO, seeing as they do not have a permit to mine, nor surface owner consent from Big Horn Coal.

We are currently in process of moving forward with the rezoning of the Big Horn Lands and are awaiting a few quotes for a land survey to be conducted prior to applying with the county zoning board. I spoke with the DEQ last week to determine the movement with processing the Brook Mine Permit application and their update was that RAMACO has responded to the 1<sup>st</sup> round of comments from the DEQ pertaining to their application, and that they have revised their facilities disturbance once again to reflect the statements made in the legal hearing by removing the BHC Shop, Bridge, and rail spur from their proposed use. I am waiting to see the updated maps as to how they intend to haul the coal north of the Tongue River, to their proposed loadout area that still exists on the BHC facilities area (south of the BHC Shop).

Let me know if you have any questions or updates from your end.

Thank You,

Jordan



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The Judge's order on the pending motions for summary judgment came in yesterday when I was out of the office. A copy is attached.

The Judge found that there was a question of fact as to the meaning of "necessary and convenient" use of the surface in the 1954 Deed.

This is consistent with our position from the day the lawsuit was filed that this suit was premature because until the DEQ issues the permit, we will not know what the use will be, and therefore cannot say if its necessary and convenient

The Judge found that there was a question of fact as to whether the Release Agreement gives BHC a superior right to use the surface in the Encumbered Surface.

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From:

Trey Patterson

Sent:

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 5:36 PM

To:

'Jordan Sweeney'

Subject: Attachments:

RE: Brook Mine - Round 2 Responses Letter to Kuhlmann Dec 2015.pdf

Jordan,

Thank you very much for the information. We have had no contact with Ramaco whatsoever since we last visited. We did recently prepare a letter to Assistant AG Andrew Kuhlmann to clarify our arguments on adjudication. Both myself and my attorney had spoken with him on the phone months ago, but we felt it was time to get something in writing to him. That letter is attached. If you have time for a phone call this week, it would be good to catch up. My schedule is

fairly flexible. Thanks,

Trey

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From: Jordan Sweeney [mailto:j.sweeney@lhr-inc.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 10:51 AM

**To:** Trey Patterson

Subject: Brook Mine - Round 2 Responses

Hi Trey-

I wanted to pass along a couple of documents for your review pertaining to the Brook Mine Permit Application, that is currently under processing by the Wyoming DEQ. Big Horn and Padlock Ranch are mentioned a fair amount in the first two attached documents. Our internal general counsel has reviewed the documents and have found some concerns that we would like to address in the near future, through notifying the DEQ via written letter. As you are aware, Big Horn had notified the WDEQ that we are in fact a Surface Owner and that we have not consented to the Mine and Reclamation plan set forth as proposed by the Brook Mine.

I wanted to keep you informed as to what activities were occurring during the permit review process and we are certainly open for discussion with yourself and Hal if you wish to discuss these attachments in more detail. As for the timing of public comment, the DEQ is still reviewing the permit application and according to the Round 2 comment responses, it appears there will be additional rounds of review that will extend the process into next year. I suspect though, that public comment will occur in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of next year if the DEQ has been satisfied with the Brook Mine's responses to their application review comments.

It is still unclear to Big Horn Coal how the Brook Mine intends to transport coal resource from the proposed highwall mining blocks to its customer. The third attachment is an updated map with the proposed haulroads that dead end, north of the Tongue River. Based on the legal summary judgement, the Brook Mine has held to their word by removing the Big Horn Shop, Bridge and Rail spur from their permit application and has stated in their application that they do not intend to use these structures. We are still very confused as to how exactly the Brook Mine intends to load their coal

onto rail and transport their product to its "customer" without crossing BHC property by utilizing the existing bridge and rail siding.

I am in the office until Thursday of this week as well as from Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>, thru the 17<sup>th</sup> of next week and then will be out for the remainder of the year. If you would like to have a call at some point in the near future to discuss these documents in further detail we can arrange a time.

Hope all is well,

Jordan



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From:

Trey Patterson

Sent:

Monday, March 14, 2016 1:35 PM

To:

Jordan Sweeney (j.sweeney@ambreenergy-na.com)

Subject:

Emailing - Brook Round 5 LQD Comments.pdf

**Attachments:** 

Brook Round 5 LQD Comments

Jordan, the letter we talked about on the phone is attached.

Trey