

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MINOR REVISION
COAL AND URANIUM PROGRAM
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy, LLC.

DATE: June 23, 2009

OPERATING PERMIT#: 93017

MR#: 09-17-16

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine, WDA Subsoil Stockpile Area, Section 12 T6N, R26E

Type and Purpose of Action:

This permit revision will approve a change in the planned location of a road needed to transport salvaged sub soil that will be used in later reclamation. The proposed road is estimated at 2000 feet long which is similar to the original proposal. The location of the previously approved haul road required greater disturbance with more extensive cut and fills. This proposed location utilizes an existing two track road on flatter terrain.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The proposed road will not be moved very far (less than 300 yards) so impacts to wildlife are expected to be similar to the original location. Original surface disturbance and resultant reclamation efforts should be less with the new location. A class III cultural resource survey of this portion of the mine site has been completed.

Alternative Actions:

The proposed relocation should result in lesser disturbance to the land than the location originally proposed. Therefore, the alternative of rejecting this proposal in favor of the original road location does not appear to be the best choice. The proposed route appears to be as direct as possible with the minimum environmental consequence.