

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy, LLC.

DATE: July 8, 2009

OPERATING PERMIT#: 93017

MR#: 09-17-18

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine, Track Scale Access Road, Section 14, T6N, R26E

Type and Purpose of Action:

The proponent requested approval to construct approximately 3,100 feet of road. The proposed road would be used to access a facility within the Bull Mountain Mine's rail loop. A portion of this road would include the old PM Coal Access road. Other portions of the old PM Access road would be reclaimed as part of construction of the proposed new road. The rail scale approved as MR 09-17-10 (May 19, 2009).

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The proposed road would be located within the facilities area. Additional disturbance due to the installation and use of the road is expected to be negligible. Soil salvage would protect the resource.

Potential impacts from the project include increased localized erosion and sediment runoff. Best management practices would be used to control contamination of surface waters. Dust control measures (water truck) will be in place.

A class III cultural resource survey of this portion of the mine site has been completed. The impacts are not significant and the potential for environmental harm is small.

Alternative Actions:

No alternative actions were analyzed.