

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

COMPANY NAME: Spring Creek Coal LLC

DATE: July 7, 2011

PERMIT#: C1979012

REVISION NO: MR11-12-05

LOCATION: Spring Creek Mine, Decker, MT

Type and Purpose of Action:

Spring Creek Coal is requesting approval to widen a portion of the Main Haul Road to the permitted width. The work would entail associated culvert and drainage revisions as well as abandonment and partial disturbance to 4.8 acres of Spring Creek Diversion II. Because of ongoing mining activities Spring Creek Diversion II is no longer necessary and it will not be utilized in the post mine plan.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

Impacts are expected to be negligible. The road and drainage revisions will take place within an active mining area. Sediment control for the project is currently in place. When the road is no longer needed it will be reclaimed as necessary, as currently provided for in the permit.

Alternative Actions:

No alternative actions were considered as the impacts are negligible and the project will enhance current environmental safeguards.

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