

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy DATE: August 16, 2011

PERMIT#: C1993017 REVISION NO: MR11-17-10

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine Facilities Area

Type and Purpose of Action:

This proposal will increase the size of Coal Stockpile Area #2. The operator would like the ability to store additional coal at this location and improve room for equipment to maneuver. The additional stockpile pad area will require fill material which is expected to be reject rock off the coal conveyor at that location. The waste rock is been found to be free of deleterious substances. The project will also involve extending two culverts and altering access roads. The project will involve a small additional disturbance of native ground (less than 0.25 acre)

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The area is currently within the active mine facilities area. The incremental increase in disruption to wildlife is expected to be negligible. The total project area is less than 0.5 acre. The greatest area for concern appears to be additional sediment runoff during construction. The Operator's Mining Permit provides commitments to utilize BTCA for controlling sediment during and after construction. When the stockpile is not longer needed the site will be reclaimed as specified in the permit.

Alternative Actions:

Impacts are expected to be negligible. No alternatives were considered.

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