

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

COMPANY NAME: Spring Creek Coal, LLC

DATE: April 17, 2012

PERMIT#: C1979012

REVISION NO: MR170

LOCATION: Spring Creek Mine, Near Ramp 15

Type and Purpose of Action:

The proposed action is for the construction of a small, light vehicle access road to provide light vehicle/scrapper access to the east of Ramp 15 and ease traffic congestion associated with a high volume of pre-strip traffic. The proposed project would entail disturbance to 3-4 acres of land.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The mine permit commits the Operator to soil salvage and site reclamation and the use of BTCA practices to prevent erosion and sediment runoff. The project is within the active mine facilities area and the potential for impacts are expected to be minor.

Alternative Actions:

Other alternatives do not appear to offer any advantage over the proposed action.

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