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Dear Ms. Koch:

Thank you for your comments on the proposed Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (ASAOC) for the Removal Action at the Ross Adams Mine Site. We too are looking forward to implementing the cleanup at the Site. The Forest Service is committed to conducting its Removal Action at the Site in accordance with the requirements in the Comprehensive Emergency Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), Executive Orders 12580 and 13016, which delegates Presidential authority to the Forest Service for the Site, and EPA's CERCLA regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 300. In addition, we intend to continue providing meaningful and substantial state involvement during key phases of the Removal Action process.

In addition, the Forest Service is committed to conducting long-term oversight of the Site after the Removal Action is completed. We and the Respondents will be preparing a Post Removal Site Control Plan per the Statement of Work. Short- and long-term monitoring plans for the time period after Removal Action is completed and after the ASAOC is terminated respectively will be included in the Plan. The plan will be developed at the same time as the Draft Construction Completion Report close to when the Removal Action is completed. Monitoring will take into consideration monitoring identified in the Engineering Evaluation Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the selected alternatives and be designed to ensure the Removal Action is protecting human health and the environment.

After careful review of the comments received, the Forest Service determined that the comments do not require any changes to the ASAOC and that the ASAOC is final. The Respondents have been notified they may proceed with the Removal Action. I've included the Final ASAOC for your reference.

We are looking forward to working with your staff as the Removal Action proceeds to completion.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. SCHMID
Regional Forester

Enclosure(s): 1

