

Alton Coal Mine leaps hurdle in getting state approval

By Dixie Brunner

The State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, under Director John Baza, released an October 19 decision and application approval with conditions for the Alton Coal Development, LLC, concerning the Coal Hollow Mine.

The State of Utah approval concerns mining on private lands and retrieving the coal in a surface operation. The approval will allow them to mine 2,000,000 tons of coal per year for approximately three years.

The state approval is separate from any applications to mine on public lands nearby, which is going through a separate federal

approval process.

Some Panguitch residents are less than charmed with the state approval of the coal project. Coal royalties will go to Kane County, where the surface mining will occur. However, the coal-laden trucks will run through the tourist community of Panguitch, and then on to Cedar City.

Becky and Randy Yard responded in a letter voicing their concerns to Utah Governor Gary Herbert. Within the context of the letter, the following was written:

“Have your driven down the newly designated Highway 143 or Utah’s Scenic Byway Highway 89? If so, you would know how the mining and coal trucks

would ruin the most beautiful red rock scenery that Southern Utah has to offer and that attracts visitors from around the world. Not to mention the effect this would have on all of our wonderful national and state parks. Have you thought

what adverse effects coal mining will have on Garfield County’s rivers, streams and wildlife? Please research what Garfield County offers to their residents and visitors.”

Respondents concerned with the state approval have been

given 30 days to air their support or problems with the plan. The 30-day hearing request period will end on November 18, 2009.

The public can contact Julie Ann Carter at 801-538-5277 for procedure information concerning board filings.

Court ruling affirms Warm Fire Recovery Project

The U.S. District Court in Phoenix ruled Wednesday, November 4, in favor of the U.S. Forest Service in a lawsuit that challenged the North Kaibab Ranger District’s Warm Fire Recovery Project. The judgment and decision documents are viewable on the Kaibab National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us.r3/kai.

The Warm Fire Recovery Project was designed to break up the continuity of large fuels and accelerate reforestation in areas of the 2006 Warm Fire, which burned around 40,000 acres. The project calls for the harvest of fire-killed trees on approximately 9,000 acres and replanting conifer trees on close to 10,000 acres, among other recovery efforts.

The U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were defendants in a lawsuit filed July 6, 2009, alleging the decision to implement the Warm

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Chicken breast, cranraisins, pecans, honey mustard sauce..... 9.95
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Turkey, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato, avocado and ranch..... 9.95
- Chicken Bacon Ranch:**
Crispy chicken, bacon, American cheese, lettuce, tomato and ranch..... 9.95
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Crispy chicken, thin sliced ham, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, honey mustard sauce.... 9.95
- Veggie:**
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- Bacon Tomato Cheese Melt ..6.50
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Burgers

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- Cheeseburger 8.25
- Mushroom Burger 8.49
- Western Bacon Burger 8.49
- Bacon Cheeseburger 8.49

Vegetarian Menu

8.49

Salads

- Cranberry Spinach
- Veggie

Wraps

- Cranberry Spinach
- Veggie
- Philly “Without Steak”

Sandwich

- Cheese Tomato Melt
- Veggie

**Vegetarian Soup – Salad – Bread..... 6.95

Beverages

- Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea and Milk..... 2.25
- Pomegranate Iced Tea, Tazo Passion Fruit Iced Tea..... 2.75

- *Beer or House Wine..... 3.50
- *Utah Wine..... 4.00-7.00
- *Beer Brewed in Utah..... 4.00



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