

3.8.3 Utilities and Facilities (Non-Trapper Mine)

All utilities within, passing through, or passing over the permit area; all public roads in or within 100 feet of the permit area; and all public buildings in or within 1,000 feet of the permit area are identified on Map M13A. Measures taken at Trapper Mine to protect these utilities and facilities from damage due to mining activity include notification of blasting schedules and warnings to all owners and identification of all utilities and facilities in the immediate mining area to avoid unintentional damage by Trapper employees. No mining activity will occur within 100 feet of a right-of-way to a public road or within 300 feet of an occupied dwelling.

In 1989, Trapper mined through an area in which Amoco Pipeline Company holds an oil pipeline right-of-way. The pipeline was relocated and appropriate correspondence submitted to CDMG (5/16/89 to Mike Long). In 1992, Western Gas Supply Company (now Public Service Company--PSCHPG) and Yampa Valley Electric Association (YVEA) relocated a natural gas pipeline and a powerline, respectively. These utilities were moved to allow Trapper to remove the coal reserve below them in Ashmore pit.

In 2000, Tri-state Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. relocated their 138 KV electrical transmission line with the assistance of Trapper Mine. This was done in order to allow Trapper to mine to the extents shown on the M10 series maps.

3.8.4 Restoration and Reclamation

Permanent cessation of operations will occur when the coal contract is completed. At that time, the mine facilities and utilities, as discussed in this section, will be salvaged and removed from the area. Concrete, asphalt, and all surfacing materials will be removed and disposed of in an acceptable manner. Grading of all disturbed areas will be completed. These areas will be retopsoiled and revegetated. Maintenance and environmental monitoring will continue until Trapper Mining Inc. is released of liability by the regulatory authority. For more detail, refer to Section 3.1.7.