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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Re: Federal coal lease application KYES-053865, Leslie County, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Lyon:

This letter conveys the formal Forest Service consent to the Bureau of Land Management's request to lease the National Forest System lands as specified in federal coal lease application KYES-053865. The lands are described as the westernmost 174.36 acres of USA Tract R-3094Bd in Leslie County, Kentucky. The Forest Service consent includes the following conditions to insure the adequate utilization of the lands for the purposes for which they are being administered, and the Standard Notice for Lands Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.

1. There shall be no surface disturbance or occupancy within 200 feet of any cave openings associated with karst systems during federal mineral exploration or development activity.
2. No drilling or mining shall be allowed into known cave voids (systems).
3. There shall be no surface disturbance or occupancy for the scoured ephemeral stream zone.
4. There shall be no surface disturbance or occupancy within the cliffline prescription area during any federal mineral development activity. The cliffline prescription area is defined as the area between 100 feet slope-distance from the top and 200 feet slope-distance from the dripline of a cliffline. A cliffline is a naturally occurring, exposed, and nearly vertical rock structure at least 10 feet tall and 100 feet long.
5. There shall be no surface disturbance or occupancy in the riparian prescription area during federal mineral development. A riparian area is defined as a perennial stream or other water body, or intermittent stream, as well as the associated soils, vegetation, and hydrology.
6. There shall be no surface disturbance or occupancy in the developed recreation area during federal mineral development.



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This action fulfills the Forest Service responsibility as the surface management agency to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 for the lease application. As part of the NEPA analysis of the referenced coal lease application, no additional mitigation measures were determined to be necessary to protect surface resources.

Sincerely,


FRANK R. BEUM
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures (2)

cc: Bruce Dawson, Field Manager, BLM Southeastern States Field Office, Jackson, MS
Randall Mills, BLM Southeastern States Field Office, Jackson, MS
Jeff Vail, Lands, Mineral and Special Uses Director, Forest Service Region 8 Regional
Office, Atlanta, GA
Patti Davis, Forest Geologist, Daniel Boone National Forest

STIPULATION FOR LANDS OF THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM
UNDER JURISDICTION OF
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The licensee/permittee/lessee must comply with all the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture set forth at Title 36, Chapter II, of the Code of Federal Regulations governing the use and management of the National Forest System (NFS) when not inconsistent with the rights granted by the Secretary of Interior in the license/prospecting permit/lease. The Secretary of Agriculture's rules and regulations must be complied with for (1) all use and occupancy of the NFS prior to approval of a permit/operation plan by the Secretary of the Interior, (2) uses of all existing improvements, such as Forest development roads, within and outside the area licensed, permitted, or leased by the Secretary of the Interior, and (3) use and occupancy of the NFS not authorized by a permit/operating plan approved by the Secretary of Interior.

All matter related to this stipulation are to be addressed to:

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who is the authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture.

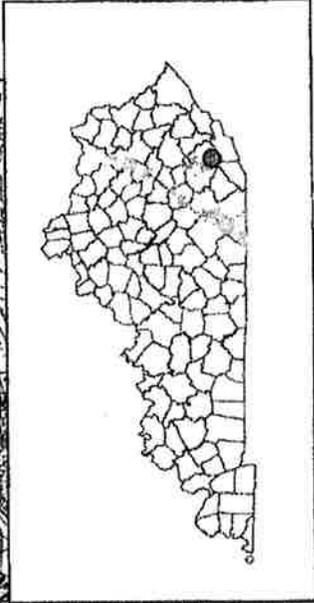
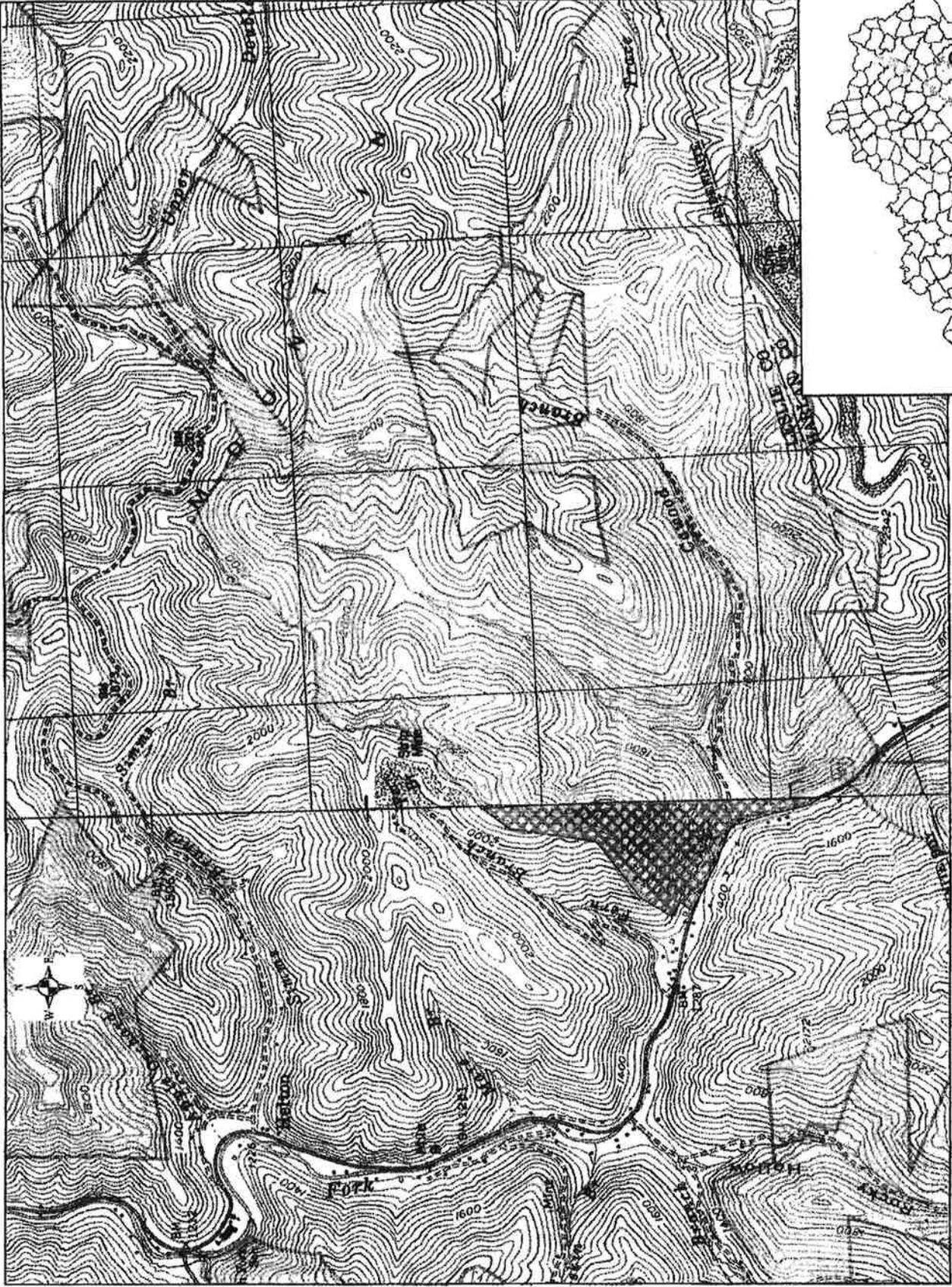
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DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST**



Redbird Ranger District
Leslie County, Kentucky

1:2500 = 3,000 Feet
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