



Grande Cache Coal Corporation

Wildlife Monitoring and Protection Program

Environment

Objective:

To protect wildlife and maintain employee safety in Grande Cache Coal's mine project areas.

Background:

Grande Cache Coal's operations are located in a mountain setting that supports a variety of highly valued wildlife, including bighorn sheep, mountain goats, caribou and grizzly bears. Mining operations co-exist with wildlife populations and mine sites will be reclaimed to wildlife habitat.

Approach:

Grande Cache Coal maintains monitoring programs for wildlife such as mountain goats and caribou. Grande Cache Coal also initiated a "Critter Card" program that enlists all employees in reporting locations of wildlife in project areas. Employees are alerted to areas of wildlife activity, such as wildlife crossing locations on haul roads, and mine activities are adjusted as appropriate to maintain the safety of wildlife and employees. All wildlife incidents are duly reported and reviewed internally and with the regulatory agency.

Progress:

Monitoring to date demonstrates that wildlife adapts to mining activity. Mine employees avidly support wildlife protection objectives.

