



Center for Mine Land
Redevelopment

Dr. David Chapman
Graduate School Dean
310 Park Building

August 20, 2003

Re: Center for Mine Land Redevelopment name change

Dear Dr. Chapman:

We request that the name of the Center for Mine Land Redevelopment (the Center) be changed to the "Center for Land and Resource Development." During the past year, the Center received a \$52,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to perform a feasibility study for the redevelopment of 1200 acres of property at the Horse Canyon coal mine in Emery County into a field campus for the study of natural sciences. An additional \$15,000 was raised from private sources for the project.

The project was completely successful. The property is in the process of being transferred from UtahAmerican Energy, Inc, to the College of Eastern Utah, which is developing programs for the site. The final report is completed and has received very favorable reviews from the EDA and from Emery and Carbon County officials. The EDA has approached us to propose on follow-on projects at this and other locations.

The proposed name change will more aptly describe what we do, and will broaden the scope of potential projects and available funding. We hope that you will support this name change. The justification for a name change is attached in the recommended format. Thank you for your help.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Hamilton".

Jack Hamilton

Co-Director, Center for Mine Land Redevelopment

cc: Terry Chatwin
Gene Carr
Steve Ott
Frank Brown

Name Change of Program Request

1) Request

We request that the name of the “Center for Mine Land Redevelopment” (the Center) be changed to the “Center for Land and Resource Development.”

2) Need

The mission of the Center is to encourage land usages, particularly for mining sites, that will have ongoing, sustainable economic, environmental and social benefits to the local community. The title “Center for Sustainable Development” was considered when this center was initially proposed. It was felt, however, that that name might be a red flag for some of the officials in rural Utah counties where we were likely to work. Therefore, the name “Mine Land Redevelopment” was chosen instead. With the successful completion of the Horse Canyon feasibility study, the Economic Development Administration, that funded the study, approached us to perform a similar feasibility study and facilitation for a science learning center in Monticello, Utah. We were also approached to do similar work at a site in Green River, where an old missile test range is located. Neither of these sites is on “mine land,” however the issues and the kind of research needed is very much like what was done at Horse Canyon. While the term “sustainable development is widely accepted in the mining industry, it is considered dated and unspecific in the world of community planning, and may still be a red flag for some community leaders. Therefore, we recommend the proposed name change to Center for Land and Resource Development. The new name will: a) more accurately describe the Center’s activities, and b) enable an increased scope of potential projects and increase funding opportunities.

3) Institutional Impact

The proposed change will not affect instructional programs or require changes in administration.

4) Costs

Center costs will not be impacted by the proposed name change. New sources of funding may become available as a result of the proposed name change.

5) Practice Elsewhere

As explained in item 2, “Land and Resource Development” is an acceptable term to accurately describe the activities of the Center.

6) Changes in Names of Degrees Offered

Not Applicable

7) Changes in Catalog Descriptions, etc.

The Web page listing University of Utah Centers will be changed to reflect the new name. No other changes will be necessary.