

2012

**Southwest Wyoming
Mutual Aid**

**Mine Rescue and First
Aid Contest**

Rock Springs, Wyoming

June 13, 2012

Briefing Statement

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Forever West Mine, Rock Springs, WY June 13, 2012

The Forever West Mine is a single level mine room and pillar mine. Mining is conducted using drilling and blasting and mechanized diesel equipment. The mine normally operates 2 shifts per day, 12 hours per shift and 5 days per week

Ventilation is achieved with the main fan in the #1 portal forcing the air across this level and exhausting out the #2 portal.

15 miners started the day shift at 7:00 a.m. At 10:15 a.m. smoke was seen coming out of the #2 portal. 10 miners exited the mine; we have not had communication with the remaining 5 miners. We gave the evacuation signal of intermediately disrupting power in the mine and disconnect the power supply to the conveyor belt on the surface. Smoke is still coming out of the #2 portal.

- The main fan is not reversible and is still operating.
- We fall in the small and remote category for mine rescue and do not have teams of our own.
- Electrical power is off in the mine but is available at the #1 portal.
- Explosives are used in the mine but stored on the surface.
- There is no history of gas in the mine.
- The mine map is the latest update.
- There are no other mines or gas wells in the area.
- Ground support is installed as needed in some areas of the mine.
- All equipment and materials you will need are in the mine, fresh air base or will be made available upon request.
- Local, state and federal agencies have been notified and a back up team have arrived. MSHA has issued a 103J order.

When you arrive at the fresh air base and check in with the mine manager you will receive a copy of this briefing statement and 2 copies of the mine map after you start the clock. You will have 90 minutes to complete this problem. The #1 judge will advise the Fresh Air Base when you have 5 minutes remaining.

The mine judges do not have any information to share during the mine exploration and all communication must be made to the mine manager.

When you are ready, we would like you to explore and map all accessible areas of the mine, extinguish or seal all fires and account for all missing miners and rescue all live miners to the surface.

Good Luck Team!!!!

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