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On June 23, 2000, Rob Mrowka, Fishlake National Forest Supervisor; Jerry Goodman, Richfield Field Manager, BLM; and Dick Manus, Price Field Manager, BLM determined that the Link Canyon Alternative is not economically viable and decided not to carry the alternative through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for further analysis. The Link Canyon Alternative is one of four alternatives being considered in the Quitcupah Creek Road EIS.

In addition to Mrowka, Goodman, and Manus, the responsible officials for this project, others attending the June 23 meeting were George Tetrault, Price BLM Mining Engineer; Jeff DeFrest, Ferron-Price and Sanpete Ranger District Geologist for the Manti LaSal National Forest; Jeanne Higgins, Fishlake National Forest Richfield District Ranger; Linda Jackson, Fishlake NF Strategic Communications Officer and project leader; and Stan Perkes and Max Nielsen, BLM State Office Coal Economists.

a prior project meeting on May 31, Stan Perkes and Max Nielson were asked to review the economic material presented by Canyon Fuel Co. and prepare an assessment of the economic viability of the Link Canyon alternative for review by the responsible officials. This analysis was presented at the June 23 meeting. The review showed that the Link Canyon Alternative is not economically feasible and does not fully meet the EIS Purpose and Need. As a result of this information, the responsible officials decided that the Link Canyon Alternative would not be considered for further analysis in the EIS process.

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