

**WARD COUNTY**

Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #330: T152N, R82W, Section 15, NE SW

Additional Legal Location: 152 82 15 NE NE--see notes

Name:	Owner:
Stafford Coal Mine	Stafford Land Co.

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, drift

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
100 ft.	6-18 ft.	6-12 ft.	SEBR:1910
70-75 ft.	18 ft.	No data	Leonard et al.:1925

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine was in operation at least as early as 1908 according to CAL reports. How many years prior to 1908 it may have been operated is not known. Leonard et al. (1925) indicate "The old Stafford Mine was for a number of years one of the important mines of this region and much coal was hauled to Sawyer and shipped." Leonard et al. (1925) also indicate that three drifts said to "run back 500 ft." were located at this mine. Production figures are listed for this mine in the 1910 SEBR. The 1910 SEBR also indicates that "In the first place rooms were made fourteen feet wide with an eight foot pillar between, but as the work progressed and the character of the roof [was] discovered, the pillars were narrowed and the rooms widened and so rooms twenty to twenty-five feet in width with pillars three and four feet in thickness stand with no signs of caving. The roof is undoubtedly one of the best in the state. No timbers are used except in the first hundred feet or so of entry. The mine is perfectly dry. . .it seemed impossible that a clay roof could stand unsupported as well as this one did." The 1912 SEBR indicates that this mine was "operated during 1908 and 1909 and closed during 1910 and 1911."

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year (pages) ]

Leonard et al.:1925(151)

SEBR:1910(100-101)

Notes:

Planning Unit 103, AML location 330 actually describes 152 82 15 NE SW; SEBR reports indicate that the Stafford Mine was situated at 152 82 15 NE NE, which is not included in this AML location. However, since it appears that this mine consisted of three or more drifts



Stafford Coal Mine (continued)

(Leonard et al. 1925) and Leonard et al. (1925) list the legal location of this mine only as 152 82 15 NE, it does appear possible that the workings of this mine may have extended into this AML location.

The Turtle Gulch Coal Mine also may be located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CAL:1908 (97), 1910 (142), 1912 (162)  
CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years  
Leonard et al.:1925 (151)