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RE: Utah Coal Regulatory Program - Public Outreach

In Reply Please Refer to Case No. 03-0354

Dear Ms. White:

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received the referenced information on February 20, 2003. After consideration of the consultation request in behalf of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, the Utah Preservation Office provides the following comments per §36CFR800.

Thank you for asking about program performance. There are several items for consideration.

1. Work with the division has been completed with good discussion about different projects and various issues. I believe the relationship has worked in the case of several difficult questions.

2. Problem, the 10 day turn around given on some types of actions cannot be done, our division lost 3 full-time and 13 part-time employees. I understand that all agencies are experiencing cuts, but the loss of data people in the state archaeologist’s office has changed how quickly we can consult.

3. DOGM needs at least a part-time cultural resource specialist to provide consultation for section 106 purposes. Having someone who meets SOI standards would be the key in developing a PA for compliance with section 106.

This information is provided to assist with Section 106 responsibilities as per §36CFR800. My email address is: jdykman@utah.gov

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