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RE: Preliminary Determination of Possible Archeological Study Sites, Price River Coal Company, ACT/007/005

Dear Mr. Tetting:

The Office of the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer has received your letter of June 17, 1982, requesting information about possible archeological sites or studies in the impact area.

After review of the state's cultural resource computer and map reference system, the Preservation Office has found that the area has had no previous reconnaissance of either historic or prehistoric sites, and there are no known sites in the project area.

From other information, sites throughout Utah are found in similar environmental settings as that of the project area. There are water sources in the area, the elevation ranges from approximately 6,000 to 8,000 feet, and is in a general pinyon, juniper zone. In summary, the Preservation Office feels that there is a high potential for sites in the area.

The above is provided on request as information or assistance. We make no regulatory requirement, since that responsibility rests with the federal agency official. However, if you have questions or need additional assistance, please let us know. Contact Jim Dykman at 533-7039.

Sincerely,

Melvin T. Smith
Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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