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Mr. Robert Wiley
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RE: Wildlife Guidelines
Waste Pile Expansion Modification
ACT/007/004
Folder Nos. 3 & 13 ✓
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Robert:

With regards to Price River Coal Company's plans to expand the waste pile in Schoolhouse Canyon, the Division will require a raptor survey of the adjacent cliffs prior to approval.

This raptor survey should encompass all cliffs within one kilometer (within line of site) of the proposed disturbance. It is recommended that this survey be done by a qualified, experienced raptor biologist and be done in May or early June, using a helicopter if possible.

The report of this survey submitted to Division of Oil, Gas and Mining should include:

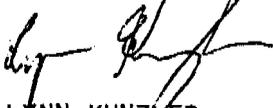
1. A narrative, including methods used, time(s) and date(s) of the survey and general weather conditions.
2. A map (scale 1:6000 or larger) with all nests plotted, indicating species, activity and condition; and,
3. The names of persons and/or organizations which collected and/or analyzed the data.

I have enclosed a copy of our draft wildlife guidelines as requested. Although it needs revision, it is useful in outlining the types and purposes of various wildlife studies that could be required for areas of new disturbance should site conditions warrant. Also, it contains lists of special category species (T & E, high interest federal, etc.) that, should favorable habitat for these species exist in or adjacent to new disturbance areas, surveys would be required.

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Should you need any clarification, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure