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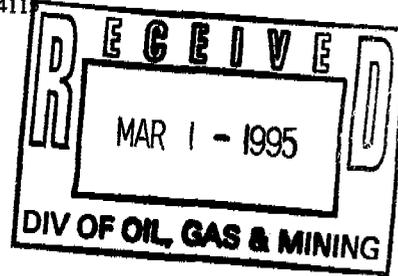
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James W. Carter, Director  
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Dear Mr. Carter:

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the Determination of Completeness Notice received for the AMAX Coal Company, Castle Gate Mine, ACT/07/004, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah.

The Service has no comment on this project at this time. We assume that the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, in coordination with the Office of Surface Mining, will consider potential effects of the projects on listed threatened and endangered species, including water depletion effects on Colorado River fish species, during the technical review process.

If we can provide any assistance in making a determination, please contact Robert Benton, Wildlife Biologist, at (801) 524-5001, extension 130.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Williams  
Assistant Field Supervisor

cc: Chief, Federal Lands Branch, Office of Surface Mining, Brooks Tower, 1020 15th Street, Denver, CO 80202