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Subject: Phase I Bond Release, Castle Gate and Willow Creek Mines, Plateau Mining Corporation

Dear Mrs. Grubaugh-Littig:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been asked to respond if our agency has any objections or concerns with regards to a Phase I bond release (reclamation bond) for the subject mines. Mining facilities and disturbances in Hardscrabble and Sowbelly Canyons were associated with the old Castle Gate Mines, while facilities at Adit No. 1 and Gravel Canyon are associated with the Willow Creek Mines.

We have participated in the onsite inspections and have reviewed our files in regards to our response. All reclaimed surface disturbance in the four areas are located on private lands and outside of our jurisdiction. Access to grazing allotments on nearby public lands is still available through Hardscrabble Canyon. All portal seals, which access Federal coal to the northwest, were noted to be intact. We therefore have no objections to the Phase I bond release.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Stephen Falk of my staff at 435-636-3605.

Sincerely

Patrick Gubbins
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Field Manager

cc: UT-923, SD, Utah