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Subject: CULTURAL RESOURCE EVALUATION OF A PROPOSED
MINE PORTAL BREAKOUT LOCATION IN THE ECCLES
CANYON LOCALITY OF CARBON COUNTY, UTAH

Project: Coastal States Energy Company - 1988
Development Project

Project No.: CSEC-88-1

Permit No.: Department of Interior -- Ut-88-54937
Utah State Project No. -- Ut-88-AF-323f
U.S. Forest Service Special-Use Permit

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

On July 14, 1988, F.R. Hauck of AERC conducted a cultural resource reconnaissance evaluation of a proposed mine portal breakout location and associated access route. This project was initiated for Skyline Mine No. 1 by request of Coastal States Energy Company of Salt Lake City, Utah. The project area is situated on the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 13 South, Range 6 East in the Eccles Canyon locality of Carbon County, Utah (see attached map).

A special use permit was obtained from the Price District of the Manti-LaSal National Forest by AERC for conducting this study.

The short access route that spans the adjacent creek leading into the portal breakout location is included within the portal area as shown on the attached map. This portal breakout is situated within the Upper O' Connor Seam.

The project area is situated at the 8800 foot elevation.

FILE SEARCH:

A records search of the site files and maps at the Antiquities Section of the State Historic Preservation Office was conducted on July 8, 1988. The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no registered historic or prehistoric properties will be affected by the proposed development.

AERC has conducted a variety of projects in this locality-- all associated with the construction, development, and operation of the Skyline Mines (see F.R. Hauck & D.G. Weder; October, 1980; Archeological Surface Evaluations in the Skyline Project in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah; AERC Paper No. 23; Salt Lake City).

FIELD METHODOLOGY:

To accomplish an intensive examination of the mine portal breakout locality, the archaeologist walked a series of 10 to 15 meter wide transects within a flagged area that measures about 50 meters by 25 meters. The short access route was examined by walking several 10 meter wide transects across the flagged creekbed.

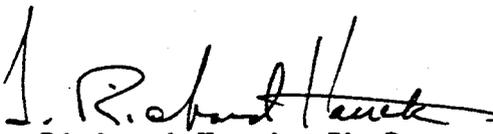
RESULTS:

No cultural resource activity loci of any historic or prehistoric period were identified or recorded during the evaluation.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

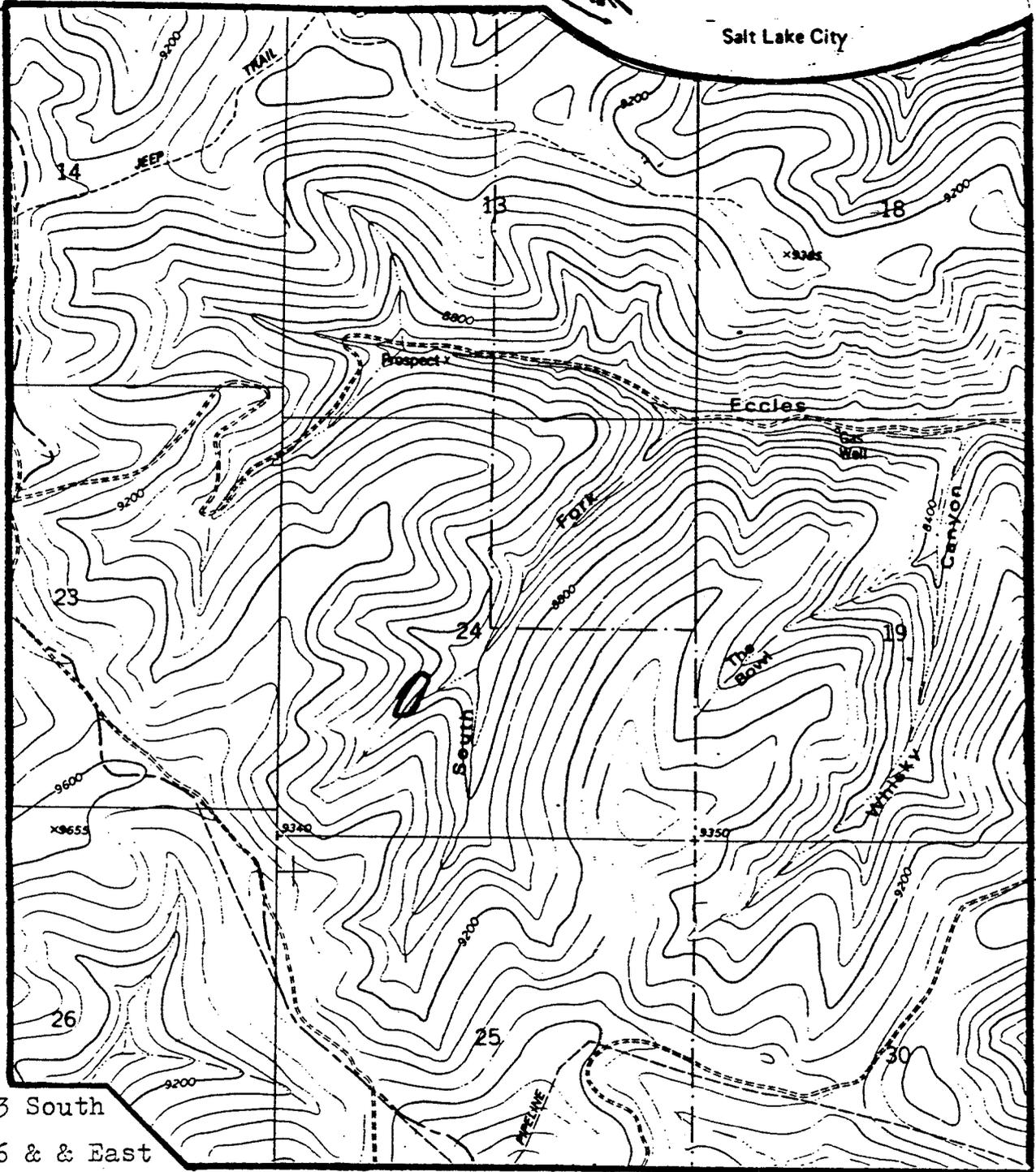
AERC recommends that a cultural resource clearance be granted to Coastal States Energy Company relative to this project based upon adherence to the following stipulations:

1. All vehicular traffic, personnel movement, and construction should be confined to the location examined as referenced in this report, and to the existing roadway and/or evaluated access route;
2. all personnel should refrain from collecting artifacts and from disturbing any cultural resources in the area; and
3. the District Ranger should be consulted should cultural remains from subsurface deposits be exposed during construction work or if the need arises to relocate or otherwise alter the location of the construction area.


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Salt Lake City



T. 13 South

R. 6 & East

Meridian: Salt Lake B. & M.

Quad:

Scofield, Utah
7.5 minute-USGS



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Cultural Resource Survey
of a Proposed Portal
Breakout in the Eccles
Canyon Locality of Carbon
County, Utah

Legend:

Portal Breakout
Area



2.64" = 1 mile

Scale