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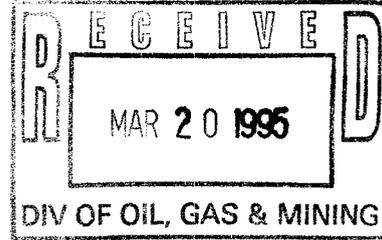
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Dear Wendell,

We have reviewed Utah Fuel Company's proposal to drill test core holes in Upper Huntington Canyon. Raptors should be through nesting around July 25, depending on weather conditions and if the birds renest.

If drilling activities are initiated after August 1, only trees to be removed will need to be surveyed for existing nests. If drilling activities begin in July, a 0.5 mile radius around each drill site should be surveyed for active nests. A helicopter survey was conducted in this area last year, and Keith Welch has the results of that survey. A ground survey conducted by a qualified consultant would be adequate to clear the 0.5 mile radius around proposed drill sites.

This area is also critical summer range for elk and deer. No drilling activities should occur before July 5.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input to this project. If you have questions, please contact Bill Bates, Habitat Manager.

Sincerely,

Miles Moretti  
Regional Supervisor

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