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THRU: Joseph Helfrich, Permit Supervisor 

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RE: Coal Exploration Plan Review, Upper Huntington, Federal Leases U-044076 and U-0147570, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005-97C, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Canyon Fuel Company proposes to develop access roads and two drill holes to identify coal reserves in the Upper O'Conner B and the Lower O'Conner A seam, mined to the east in the Skyline No. 1 and No. 3. Mines. The Bureau of Land Management is the permitting agency.

The applicant has identified drilling methods and mitigation, including plugging and sealing of the drill holes.

The following are comments and suggestions about the plan:

1. The area and formations where drilling is to take place show sign of groundwater. A qualified hydrologist or geologist should be on site during drilling to identify depths of groundwater and geologic facies.
2. The applicant should submit a copy of the exploration data to the Division to be incorporated into the Mining and Reclamation Plan ( the data will be held Confidential).