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Ms. Lori Hunsaker
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Subject: Case No. 09-1556. Cultural Resource Inventory and Mitigation Plan of the Proposed Winter Quarters Ventilation Facility, Skyline Mine, Carbon County, Utah.

Dear Ms. Hunsaker:

Please find enclosed documents Earth Touch Cultural Resource Report No. 09-137. This report is being submitted in support of the Divisions's U.C.A. §9-8-404 consultation requirements for the proposed undertaking.

The survey included a Class III inventory of the Winter Quarters Townsite, (site 42CB268) which extends over a 1.5 mile stretch in Winter Quarters Canyon. Winter Quarters Canyon is located two miles west of Scofield, Utah. The company proposes to construct the ventilation facility in the summer of 2010 with Division approval. The facility disturbance area includes a 7.93-acre area at the westernmost edge of the townsite, north of the stream.

The Winter Quarters Townsite, 42CB268 is considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Division finds that the undertaking will have an adverse effect on eleven features within the Townsite. The affected features include stone and earthen foundations, and a leveled area. The proposed development would not impact the view shed of the freestanding structures of the main townsite. Also, due to the degradation of the features, it is considered that additional excavation would not produce significant data. Therefore, Earthtouch recommended mitigation which includes a detailed GPS data inventory of all features within the townsite (which has been completed) and creating an interpretive sign along State Route 96 on the east side of the townsite. The sign will include a narrative, map, photographs and other information. The proposed sign description and design can be found in Appendix B of the attached report.

The Division finds that eleven features within the Historic Winter Quarters Townsite will be adversely affected. The Division also finds that the proposed mitigation plan is adequate. Please provide concurrence or alternate suggestions with these findings.



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Thank you for your comments on this case. Should you have any further questions, please contact Ingrid Wieser at 801-538-5318 or Daron Haddock at 801-538-5325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daron Haddock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Daron Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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