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## Wildlife Assessment Meeting- Skyline Swens Canyon Application- Meeting Notes

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Attendees: Mace Crane (consultant to mine), Makeda Hanson (UDWR), Kyle Beagley (USFS), Jeremiah Armstrong (Operator), Lisa Reinhart (DOGM)

Purpose: To discuss T&E/Sensitive species that required evaluation per the permit amendment. Focus was on Western boreal toad, Greater sage-grouse, American three-toed Woodpecker, and Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. Skyline mine must add these species to the resource list, evaluate if there could be a potential impact to them from the project, and identify any protection or mitigation measures if an impact is likely.

Outcome: Although not submitted with the amendment, a Western Toad survey was completed and resulted in the absence of the species. American three-toed woodpecker surveys were conducted in coordination with other raptor surveys. The area is mapped as non-habitat for Greater sage-grouse and due to the narrow valley and steep slopes, habitat is not ideal. Therefore, a survey is not warranted for sage-grouse. The wetland area is not ideal habitat for Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, or other sensitive flycatchers. I forgot to bring up Mexican Spotted Owl but in a later email with Makeda, it was determined the spotted owls on record in this part of the state mostly inhabit the cliff habitats near the desert rivers and therefore, there is no suitable habitat.

There is no need for additional wildlife surveys. The mine just needs to incorporate the existing surveys discussed, update the resource list, and provide justification for no impact to the species as a result of the project.

Consultation pursuant to MOU between UDWR, PLPCO, and DOGM for Implementation of the Utah Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse is complete.

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