

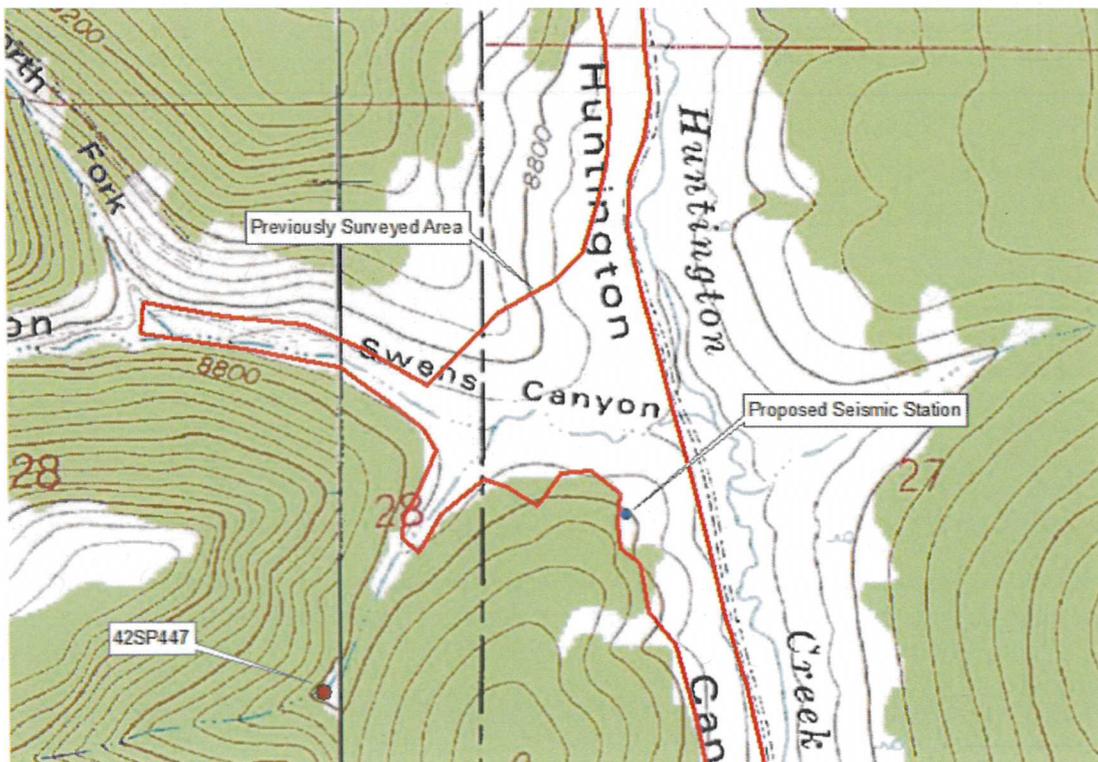


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Dr. Christopher Merritt
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Archaeology
Utah State Historical Society
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Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1182

Dear Dr. Merritt:

The Manti-La Sal National Forest is proposing to permit the Skyline Mine to install a small portable seismic station near the mouth of Swens Canyon in Carbon County (T. 13 S, R. 6 E, Section 27 [SLM]). Its purpose is to monitor movement in the coal mining operations below the station. It is within an area that was surveyed for the Shalom Fuels Project (U-12-FS-0047f) and is immediately adjacent to one of the logging units from that sale. This unit has been logged, and any road access to the seismic station location will be over one of the temporary roads created to access that logging unit.



No sites of any kind were found in this area during the Shalom Project survey. As a result, we ask for your concurrence on our recommendation that there will be no historic properties affected by the proposed Skyline Mine Seismic Station at Swens Canyon.

Thank you for your assistance in fulfilling our consultation responsibilities as described in 36 CFR Part 800.4. If you have any questions please contact Charmaine Thompson at 435-636-3511 or at charmaine.thompson@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darren Olsen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

DARREN OLSEN
District Ranger