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MEMORANDUM

TO: Acting Deputy Administrator, Office of Surface Mining
Denver, Colorado
Attention: Robert Hagen

FROM: Acting Area Manager, Fish and Wildlife Service
Salt Lake City, Utah

SUBJECT: Star Point Mine Plan Review, Plateau Mining Company (UT-0018)

From the Fish and Wildlife Service's standpoint, the Star Point Mine and Reclamation Plan (federal leases U-13097, SL-031286, and U-37045) and its supplements appear to be technically adequate except in one area.

In our completeness review (memorandum June 22, 1981) we noted that specific enhancement of adjacent lands for mule deer winter range needed to be developed. Methods, size and locations should be specified. A similar comment was presented in the OSM's review of April 21, 1981 under Section 734.21 entitled "Fish and Wildlife Plan". The Star Point Plan has not addressed these specifics as required.

The inventories completed by the Plateau Mining Company in June 1981, and included in the supplemental documents 1 and 2, answered the remaining concerns we presented in the completeness review of the mine plan.

This completes our technical review of the Star Point Mine and Reclamation Plan. Please contact us, if you have any further questions.

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