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September 14, 1982

Reply To SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
455 West Railroad Avenue, Box 840, Price, Utah 84501
(801) 637-3310

Mr. Floyd Tucker
Plateau Mining Company
P.O. Box PMC
Price, Utah 84501

Attention: Mel Coonrod

RE: Raptors Relative to Corner
Canyon Breakout

Dear Floyd:

The September 2, 1982 helicopter survey (Jet Ranger III) by the Division of Wildlife Resources of raptor habitat in Corner Canyon showed that no golden eagle or cliff nesting falcon aeries (active or inactive) are located within 1/2 kilometer of the proposed breakout. Also, no other raptor nests are located at the point of breakout.

Floyd, a breakout during the winter period (September through February) cannot through disturbance jeopardize the raptor resource. A breakout at the site in question is without physical threat to any existing raptor resource.

Thank you for making Plateau's helicopter available during the last two years to survey your mine plan area. I am sure the resultant data has proven useful to your needs. It has certainly aided the Division in evaluation of Plateau's mining program.

Sincerely,

John Livesay

John Livesay, Supervisor
Southeastern Region

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cc: Darrell Nish

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Dear Floyd:

The following is a summary of the aerial raptor inventory conducted September 2, 1982 on your coal mine plan area.

1. T 15 S, 8 E, Sec. 4, SE1/4- stick nest-appeared to be a Buteo nest which had been active this year.
2. T 14 S, R 8 E, Sec. 34, SW1/4- falcon scrape-probably used by a prairie falcon and was active this year.
3. T 14 S, R 8 E, Sec. 31, SW1/4-two golden eagle nests. One nest was active this year and the other is probably an alternate nest site.

We appreciated Plateau making available a helicopter to our personnel for this inventory.

Sincerely,


John Livesay, Supervisor
Southeastern Region

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Attachment- maps

cc: Mel Coonrod

