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**DIVISION OF
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Re: Exploration Permit 86-1 - Eagles

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

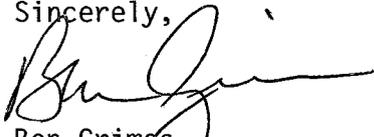
As per our commitment in the Application for Exploration Permit 86-1, this letter follows up on the status of the eagle nests in the vicinity of the drill sites.

On June 10, a survey of all raptor nests in the vicinity of Plateau Mining Company property was conducted in conjunction with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. Carl Gramlich, Wildlife Biologist, DWR, accompanied me in a helicopter to conduct the survey. Upon investigation of the three nest sites in the area of the drilling program, nest sites A and B, as shown on the maps included in the application, had been mapped in the wrong locations. As can be seen on the revised map enclosed, the nests are closer to drill site 86-18-3.

Nest site A contains one eaglet approximately three weeks old. Drill Hole 86-18-3 will be the last of the holes drilled; work is scheduled to start approximately July 15. Prior to beginning road construction to this site, the status of the young bird will be determined. Clearance from DWR will be obtained before construction work begins.

Nest sites B and C are inactive; no further investigation of these sites is required.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Greg Hunt at 637-2875.

Sincerely,

Ben Grimes
Environmental Coordinator

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Enclosure

cc: Greg Hunt