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Lowell Braxton  
State of Utah Natural Resources  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

RE: Final Approval, Amended Underground Mining Sequence, Section 18,  
Cyprus-Plateau Mining Company, Starpoint Mine, ACT/007/006-88D, Folder #3,  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Lowell:

We have reviewed the approved amendment and are of the opinion that the study to be completed by Cyprus-Plateau Mining Company (CPMC) in conjunction with the U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS) will provide some of the data which is presently lacking in regard to subsidence and effects to resources. This information will be valuable in helping the mining companies develop Mining and Reclamation Plans (MRP's) which will minimize surface impacts and will provide some of the necessary predictive information for regulatory agencies, such as the Division, BLM and the Forest Service, to make informed decisions regarding approval of these plans.

Since the study is taking place within the Manti-LaSal National Forest boundary (pvt. surface/coal) and the information from this study will be applicable to National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Wasatch Plateau Coal Field, we would like to be kept informed of the progress and findings of the study. Please send us copies of preliminary and final reports and information submitted to the Division by the USGS and CPMC. This information would be helpful in evaluation of other MRP's which involve NFS lands.

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The proposed mining will take place under shallow overburden and there may also be potential for impacts to vegetation and other surface resources. UMC 783.19 requires vegetative information that might be affected by surface operations. We suggest that vegetation monitoring could also provide some valuable information regarding impacts to surface resources.

If you have any questions, please contact the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam L. Howe".

for  
GEORGE A. MORRIS  
Forest Supervisor