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Dr. Dianne R. Nielson, Director
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Dear Dianne:

The Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has reviewed the air shaft proposed by Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation. After reviewing this proposal and an on-site meeting with personnel from Cyprus, Manti-LaSal National Forest and Ken Phippen, DWR Regional Habitat Manager, DWR has the following comments and recommendations.

The activities associated with constructing this air shaft will be of a temporary nature. This area is considered high priority elk and deer summer range. Adjacent habitat can be considered critical deer fawning and elk calving habitat; therefore, DWR recommends seasonal restrictions of May 15 to July 5. These restrictions will ensure protection from this temporary disturbance.

The DWR believes a successful reclamation will occur if the seed list provided by Cyprus on page 300-105a of their proposal is used. An additional suggestion would be for the company to transplant some of the shrubs that occur on the drill site to undisturbed adjacent sites. This will provide screening for the site and reduce the impacts to wildlife.

The DWR appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on this project. If you are in need of additional information, please contact Ken Phippen, Regional Habitat Manager (637-3310).

Sincerely,

Timothy H. Provan
Director

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