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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

We have received your letter of June 7, 1993 concerning an application for an Incidental Boundary Change (IBC) at Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation's Star Point Mine.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) advises that no listed or proposed threatened or endangered species are known to occur in the proposed permit area addition. The Service cannot determine, however, whether or not there could be impacts to migratory birds (particularly nesting raptors) from mining activities proposed in the IBC area. The plans received do not discuss whether or not there are important surface features such as cliffs which could be subject to subsidence impacts or what kind of mining techniques would be used in the IBC area.

If there is the potential for subsidence impacts to affect nesting raptors, the affected areas should be surveyed for nests and any nests discovered within the area of potential for subsidence should be protected.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Linner, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at (801) 975-3630.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Linner
for Robert D. Williams
State Supervisor