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TO: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor ✓

FROM: Jess Kelley, Reclamation Engineer JK

RE: Letter from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Expressing Concern Over Possible Mining Beneath Escarpments in Area Included in Incidental Boundary Change, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006-93A, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

### SYNOPSIS

On February 22, 1993, the Division received a letter from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) concerning a proposed Incidental Boundary Change (IBC), which constitutes Amendment 93A. The letter expressed USFWS's concern that mining beneath the area in question might cause failure of escarpments and a resultant loss of raptor habitat.

### ANALYSIS

The feature which appears on the map to be an escarpment is the west-facing slope of a ridge which lies east of Wild Cattle Hollow Creek. There are, to this writer's knowledge, no escarpments on this slope. This writer contacted Ben Grimes of Cyprus Plateau on March 30, 1993 and also received his assurance that there are no escarpments on this slope or any others in the area that would be affected by underground mining.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Amendment 93A be approved and that the USFWS be notified of the above findings.

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