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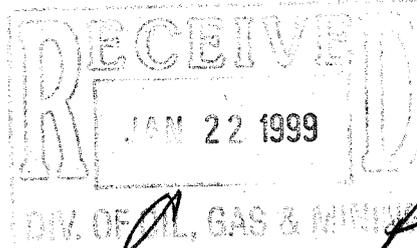


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Re: Topsoil Borrow Site, SW1/4 SW1/4, Section 2, T. 15 S., R. 8 E., Star Point Mine,
Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, ACT/007/006, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Colt:

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) needs to permit a topsoil borrow site for reclamation purposes at its Star Point Mine. The site being permitted is on fee land accessible via the old railroad grade known as the Wattis Branch. The closest nest to this site is nest 280, as identified on the map CPMC obtained from Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR).

The distance of the nest from the borrow site, depending on the accuracy of the GPS, appears to be just a little bit over one-mile, however CPMC and DWR will have at least two to three more surveying opportunities to pin down more accurate coordinates of the nest.

In any event, whether or not the nest is within the one-mile radius of the borrow site, CPMC does not propose to do any soil recovery activities until after July 15, by which time fledging has taken place. Recovery activities will continue until weather conditions prevent further removal of the growth media, at which time operations will cease and not commence until after July 15, the following year.

CPMC is confident that any concern the DWR may have can be mutually resolved whereby the interests of both parties are satisfied. If the Division has any questions or needs additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,

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