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Ref: Pre-development consultation, Kaiser Coal Corp., No. 5 Mine

Dear Kathy:

Concerning pre-development consultation for Kaiser Coal Corporation's proposed No. 5 Mine in "C" Canyon, the following recommendations concerning a Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) are provided for your consideration.

The applicant's MRP must identify the wildlife resource associated with the mine permit area. This would include discussion of vertebrate species likely present with an emphasis on life requisites of high interest species and delineation of mine permit area ecosystems on at least 1:24,000 scaled maps. Also, delineation of high-priority or critical valued seasonal use areas for selected high interest species that lie within one kilometer radius of planned surface disturbed areas (big game ungulates, raptor nests, federally listed threatened or endangered wildlife, upland game birds, Class 1, 2, and 3 fisheries, or other perennial waters) must be provided on 1:24,000 scaled maps.

The Division can provide the applicant with adequate data concerning the occurrence of vertebrate species. We also have available for the applicant to copy maps of most seasonal use areas. Raptor nest inventory and black footed ferret/prairie dog use areas are not adequate and will have to be secured via acceptable methods by the applicant through the use of a qualified ecologist. Additionally, the applicant will need to secure ecosystem information along with location of perennial waters through the assistance of a qualified ecologist.

Appropriate tabular data identifying acreages of ecosystems and seasonal use areas to be impacted must be included in the MRP. Also, indepth discussions of impacts to the wildlife resource from the project must be presented.

The MRP must present a plan for impact avoidance/enhancement of wildlife habitats along with acceptable mitigation for unavoidable impacts.

Thank you for an opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely

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