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Attention: Bruce Benzler

For your use I have enclosed the appropriate information concerning ~~roost trees~~
~~and concentration areas for Eagles~~ on or adjacent to the Sagepoint-Dugout Canyon
 project that may be needed in an application for a coal mining and reclamation
 permit. This information fulfills the Divisions committment as per part 2e in
 appendix G of the study proposal to determine the "Effects of Coal Development
 on Wildlife in Southeastern Utah."

The Northern Bald Eagle is an endangered winter resident (November 15 to March 15)
 of the local area. The Golden Eagle is a common yearlong resident of the area.
 To date there are no known high - priority concentration areas or crucial-critical
 roost trees for these species on or adjacent to the project. The mine plan area
 has been ranked as being of substantial value to both eagles.

Three bald eagles were observed on the project area for one day each during the
 1979-80 winter. One of these birds was merely flying over the area and the other
 two were perched within a 0.5 kilometer radius of the planned coal preparation
 plant. Golden eagles are regularly observed on a yearlong basis to utilize the
 entire project area. It is possible that during successive years that use by
 wintering bald eagles could be at any random point on the project area.

If concentration areas or roost trees for either the bald or golden eagle are observed
 while preforming future field work, appropriate on-the-ground follow-up surveys
 will be conducted.

It is the Division's opinion that the proposed developments associated with the
 Sagepoint-Dugout Canyon Coal mining project will not significantly impact the
 concentration areas or roost trees for eagles.

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It is hoped this information will be useful to you in the permit application.

Sincerely,

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