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Mr. Jimmie L. Tisdale
Acting Area Manager
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
125 South State Street, Room 1311
Federal Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

ATTN: Mr. Clark Johnson

RE: Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Project

Dear Mr. Tisdale:

As of August 13, 1981, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has identified 22 golden eagle nests and falcon scrapes within the Eureka permit area or within 1 km of the permit boundary. We have obtained a copy of a map issued by the USFWS showing nest locations (see enclosure). Unfortunately, this map doesn't allow us to properly evaluate the probability of nests being impacted by the proposed surface facilities. I would like to gain a better feeling for the relation of these nests to our proposed mine development. Therefore, I have included 1:400 maps showing the location of the proposed surface facilities. I would greatly appreciate it if your staff could return these maps to me after marking the location and status of each golden eagle nest and prairie falcon scrape.

I am also seeking further information concerning a point of academic interest to me. As part of the RAM program, USFWS personnel flew over Eureka's proposed permit area during the week of June 8, 1981. In your staff's professional opinion, how many pairs of golden eagles reside in this area?

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

NICOLAS K. TEMNIKOV
Regulatory Coordinator

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Enclosures

cc: S. Linner (DOGM)

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