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DIVISION OF
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Ms. Susan Linner
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Project
Prairie Falcon Nests

Dear Susan:

Enclosed is a map showing the location (T13S, R12E, Section 22: W½, NW¼, SE¼) of an active prairie falcon scrape in Dugout Canyon. It was discovered earlier this year by the Division of Wildlife Resources. On September 10, Mr. Charles Greenwood will assist Eureka in locating this scrape and other prairie falcon nest areas. Please let me know by September 9 if you can join us.

As you know, according to a July 1981 draft brochure issued by the Bureau of Land Management, a prairie falcon nest area was found (with input from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service) in T13S, R12E, Section 23: W½, SW¼, SW¼. Charles Greenwood is not aware of any nest areas east of Dugout Road. Ron Joseph (USFWS) promised to double check his field notes.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Temnikov

NICOLAS K. TEMNIKOV
Regulatory Coordinator

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Enclosures

cc: CASlaboszewicz
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PRICE RIVER RESOURCE AREA
PRICE RIVER/RANGE CREEK COAL AREA
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
SUMMARY

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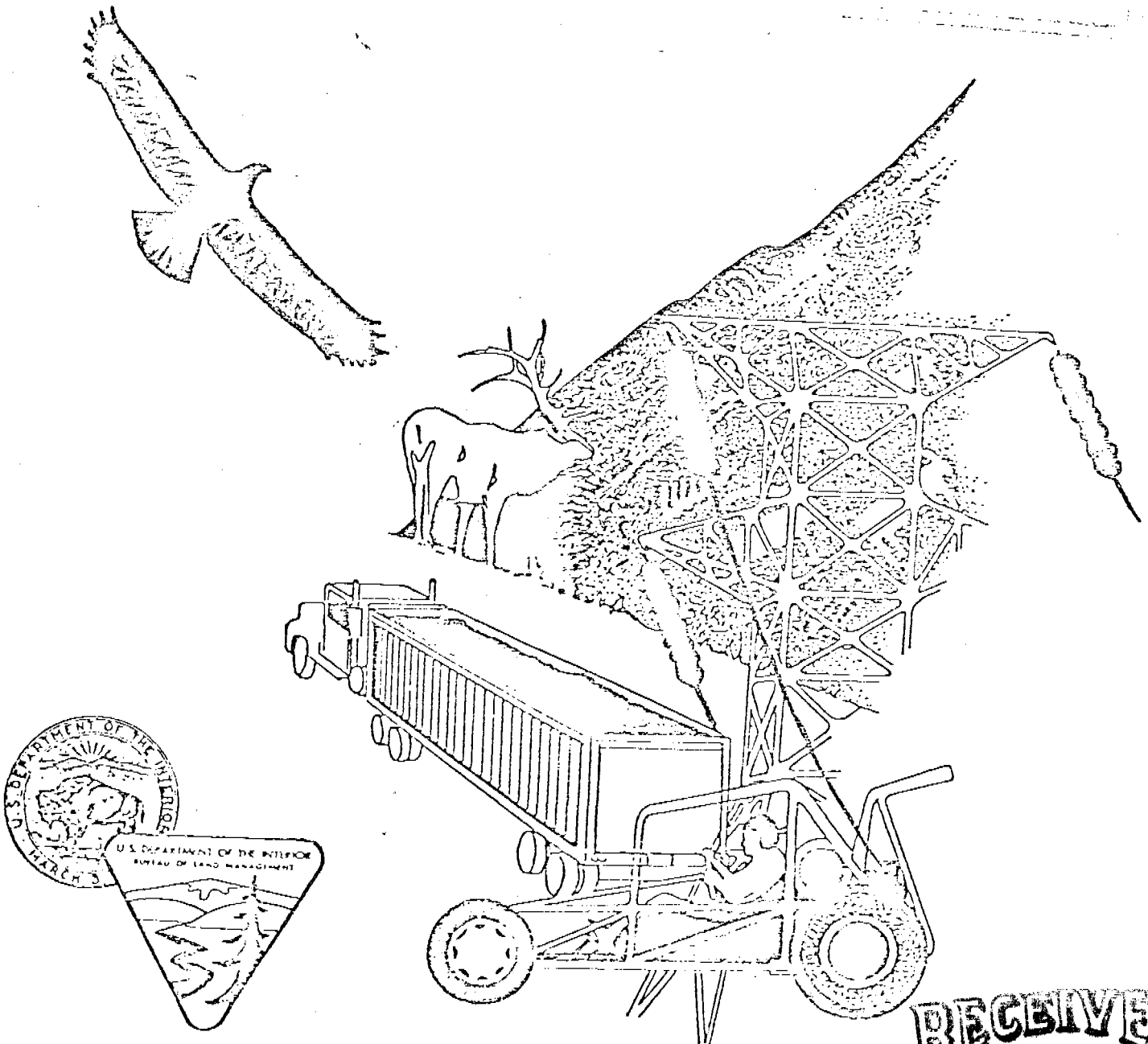

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
MOAB DISTRICT

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Moab District
Price River Resource Area
P. O. Drawer AB
Price, Utah 84501

July 24, 1981

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management has applied the coal unsuitability criteria (43 CFR Part 3460) to unleased Federal coal lands in portion of the Book Cliffs Known Recoverable Coal Resource Area of Carbon and Emery Counties. The criteria were applied only to those unleased Federal coal lands which have been designated as having high or moderate potential for coal development. Of the 29,489 acres which have not been leased, 24,445 acres were subject to criteria application. A total of 9,046 acres were found to be unsuitable prior to the application of exceptions or exemptions to the criteria. With the application of exceptions and exemptions, 40 acres remained unsuitable.

A draft brochure, which summarizes the preliminary unsuitability recommendations, is enclosed for your information. A public comment period on the preliminary unsuitability recommendations is provided during the period July 24 to August 24, 1981. A public meeting will be held on July 27, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carbon County Courthouse, Price, Utah.

Enclosure:
Draft Brochure

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Location	Acreage
T. 18 S., R. 15 E., SLM	
Section 6: SE¼SW¼, SW¼SE¼, SW¼SE¼SE¼	90.00
Section 7: W½W½NE¼NE¼, NW¼NE¼, N½SW¼NE¼, SW¼SW¼NE¼, E½NW¼, N½N½NE¼SW¼	170.00
TOTAL	3,314.92

Exceptions: By this exception, a lease would be conditioned, in manner or period of operation, so that eagles would not be disturbed during their breeding season. Any lease issued would be conditioned on the following stipulation as recommended by the UDWR and concurred with by F&WS:

> Areas identified as golden eagle aerie territories will be closed to surface occupancy with the exception of activities related to exploration and ventilation. Exploration activities will not be allowed during the period between February 15 and July 15. Surface construction for ventilation shafts and related access roads will not be accomplished during the aforementioned time period. Additional mitigating measures will be developed, as needed, upon review of exploration and mine plans. The lands identified above are found acceptable for further consideration for leasing.

Criterion 12: Eagle Roost and Concentration Areas

Eagle roost and concentration areas have not been identified as determined by consultation with UDWR and F&WS. Data reliability is satisfactory.

Criterion 13: Falcon Nests

The following prairie falcon nest areas have been provided by F&WS. The legal subdivisions noted provide a 0.50 mile buffer zone around nest sites and are unsuitable for consideration for leasing. Data reliability is excellent.

T13S, R12E, SLM, Sec. 23: W½SW¼SW¼	20 Acres
T17S, R14E, SLM, Sec. 25: NE¼, NE¼NW¼, N½SE¼, N½SW¼SE¼	300 Acres
TOTAL	320 Acres

Exceptions: By this exception, a lease would be conditioned, in manner or period of operation, so that falcons would not be disturbed during their breeding season. Any lease issued would be conditioned on the following stipulation as recommended by the BLM and concurred with by F&WS:

> Areas identified as falcon nest areas will be closed to surface occupancy with the exception of activities related to exploration and ventilation. Exploration activities will not be allowed during the period between February 15 and July 15. Surface construction for ventilation shafts and related access roads will not be accomplished during the aforementioned time period.