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May 21, 1981

Mr. Tom Goubis
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Re: U.S. Fuels
Hiawatha Mine
ACT/007/011
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Tom:

On April 27, 1981, we discussed your review of U.S. Fuel's vegetation information, especially pertaining to the proposed conveyor at the King #6 mine. One of your main concerns was whether or not I had "given approval" of the step-point method for use by Chris Call, of Bio-West, at this site. In answer I have in my notes, that I spoke with Mr. Call on August 27, 1980 concerning his sampling plans and reference area. So, apparently I did at least tacitly give approval of this method.

It is my understanding that the steppoint method has long seen an accepted method by professionals in the field of Range Science. Also, it is my opinion that Chris Call is a competent biologist.

If you need further clarification, please call.

Sincerely,

MARY ANN WRIGHT
RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST

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