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W. R. Papworth
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Dear Mr. Papworth:

Re: Relinquishment of Coal Lease U-026583-058261

Pursuant to your letter of November 25, 1992, directed to the Resource Development Coordinating Committee, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining objects to relinquishment of the above-cited coal lease pending an evaluation of the effects of mining-related subsidence on renewable resources. The lease proposed for relinquishment is part of an approved Mining and Reclamation Permit under the Utah Coal Regulatory Program, a permit change must be approved by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining before relinquishment could be accomplished. Permit changes under the Utah Coal Regulatory Program require concurrence of the surface managing agency, in this case the U. S. Forest Service, before the Division can authorize the change.

I suggest that representatives of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, BLM, and Manti-LaSal National Forest meet and discuss the ramifications of any potential subsidence before proceeding further with lease relinquishment.

Best regards,


Dianne R. Nielson
Director

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