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Mr. Joe Helfrich  
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Subject: Hiawatha Mine Phase III Bond Release – C/007/0011 Hiawatha Coal Company

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Concerning the above referenced reclamation project at Hiawatha, Utah, it is the opinion of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources that the existing 1,100 to 6,500 woody plant stems per acre is adequate density to meet reclamation and wildlife needs. The numbers for woody density, vegetation cover, and diversity appear to be representative of similar vegetation stands nearby.

Thank you for consulting us concerning this matter, and for your efforts to improve wildlife habitat as old mining sites are reclaimed. If you have any questions, please call Makeda Hanson, at our Price office (435-630-0805).

Sincerely,

Christopher Wood  
Regional Supervisor

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