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In Reply Refer To
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October 14, 1999

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RE: Reply: Determination of Administrative Completeness, Lila Canyon, Utah American Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine, Carbon and Emery Counties #2

Dear Mr. Haddock:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM) response to our comment letter of April 14, 1999 regarding Determination of Administrative Completeness, Lila Canyon, Utah American Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine, Carbon and Emery Counties.

We commend you on the thoroughness with which you evaluated our comments in our letter of April 14, 1999 and appreciate your effort to incorporate them in your review. Based upon the information presented in your reply to our letter, we believe you have adequately addressed the issues raised in our letter. We appreciate your effort to avoid or minimize impacts to fish and wildlife species and their habitats.

We concur with your assessment of the importance of ensuring that fish and wildlife impacts are addressed prior to permit issuance and look forward to continuing this process on future projects with your office. We feel this process has been a valuable mechanism to insure proper attention has been given to fish and wildlife resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Scott Gamo, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, of this office at (801) 524-5001 ext 134.

Sincerely,

Reed E. Harris

for Reed E. Harris
Utah Field Supervisor

