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**DIVISION OF OIL GAS & MINING
TECHNICAL FIELD VISIT FORM**

Date: May 11, 2000
Time: 2:15-3:15 PM
DOG M Staff: Paul Baker
Other Attendees: None
Re: Despain footcactus, UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine,
ACT/007/013, Internal File.

Purpose:

To look for Despain Footcactus.

Observations:

The Despain footcactus should be blooming about this time of year, and I wanted to personally look to see if I could find it at this site. I did not find it and now believe the habitat is not right for this species.

I was very impressed during this visit with the amount of cryptogamic crusts on the soil. The most recent vegetation report documents the amount of cover from cryptogams.

Recommendations/Conclusions:

At the Horse Canyon Mine a few miles away, cryptogams have begun to establish only about nine years following reclamation, so I assume the same can happen at Lila Canyon. I do not expect to require any extraordinary efforts to try to reestablish them.

Signature:  on May 12, 2000
Paul B. Baker, Reclamation Biologist