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Dave Darby  
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1594 W North Temple  
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Re: Lila Canyon Coal Mine

Dear Mr. Darby:

We urge you to stop the potential desecration that will follow if the proposed Lila Canyon Coal Mine Project is permitted. That the Utah State Director of the Bureau of Land Management has approved rights-of-way for roads for this mine is obscene. Mines have no place in wilderness. It is our understanding that the 2,000 acres required are part of a Bureau of Land Management inventoried wilderness and overlap a Wilderness Study Area.

The ethics and legality of allowing this project are questionable. We ask that you see that this coalmine is never allowed to devastate our public lands, watersheds and the wildlife they support.

Sincerely,

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Ken Maloney and Julie Ford-Maloney

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