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Mr. Dave Darby
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Dear Mr. Darby,

I read recently where that the BLM had granted a permit to open a coal mine in the Lila Canyon. I ask that you deny the permit to open the mine until an Environmental Impact Study is prepared by the BLM.

The BLM has prepared an Environmental Assessment that is inadequate and flawed. Some of the question that were not answered are:

1. The mine is on existing BLM Wilderness Study Area and a newly inventoried BLM wilderness unit.
2. What will happen to the band of desert bighorn sheep that use Lila Canyon? The BLM admitted that the herd will be displaced and would result in annihilation of the herd.
3. The EA did not deal with the change in hydrologic flow. The mine could result in the loss of springs, streams and wetlands.
4. Another area that the BLM ignored is the Lila Canyon is a Class III visual resource. How will mining activities effect the view?

I urge you to deny the permit until the BLM does a EIS to answer these questions. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard Davis

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