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Dave Darby  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1594 W. North Temple  
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30 January, 2001

Dear Mr. Darby:

The proposed Lila Canyon Coal Mine encroaches on a Wilderness Study Area and newly inventoried BLM wilderness. The impact of 550 coal trucks and 63 assorted additional vehicles on an area protected for its cultural sites, desert bighorn sheep habitat and natural springs would be overwhelming. The Fish and Wildlife Service has expressed concern about such consequences as subsidence, altered hydrologic flows, loss of habitat and damage to wetlands and riparian areas. A complete Environmental Impact Statement, addressing all these issues, is the only legal way to proceed. Those of us who value these lands will proceed to court to protect them if the agencies allow them to be damaged.

Sincerely,

*Bruce Berger*

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