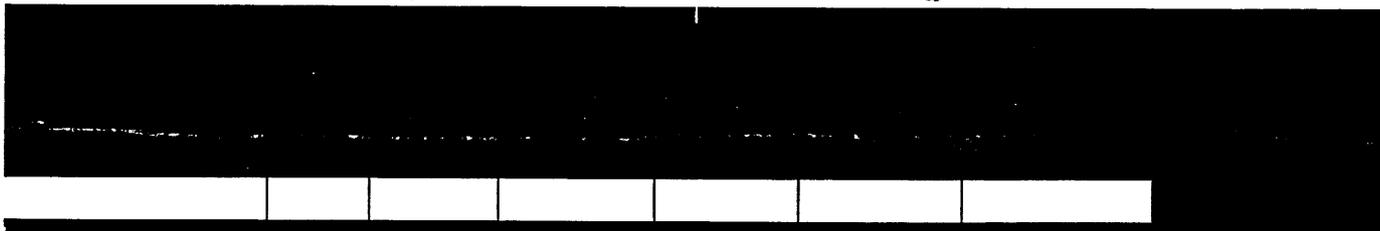


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SUWA requests hearing on mine

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance late Tuesday petitioned for a hearing before the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining over a proposal to mine coal near Lila Canyon.

SUWA attorneys want the board to repeal its July approval of a plan to allow Utah American Energy Inc. to build a road and begin mining coal near the canyon, located south of Price.

SUWA is concerned that Utah American Energy Inc. failed to adequately assess the impacts the mine will have on water and wildlife resource values.

If allowed to develop, the mine will require construction of a 4.7-mile road to the mine site. At the peak of mine operation, coal hauling trucks will make 550 round trips from the mine north to a drop-off point near the town of Wellington.

The board has set a hearing date for Sept. 26.



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