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Reed Harris, Assistant Field Supervisor
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145 East 1300 South, Suite 404
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Re: Additional Section 7 Consultation on the Utah American Energy, Inc., Lila Canyon Mine application, C/007/013-SR98-1, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Harris:

Although we have previously consulted with you regarding the potential impacts to threatened species at the proposed Lila Canyon Mine, we have just become aware of the recent investigations regarding the Mexican Spotted Owl and the potential for habitat in the vicinity of the mine. This species was not identified in our previous consultations. The purpose of this letter is to request additional consultation and your official determination regarding this species for the Lila Canyon Mine location.

We anticipate issuing a permit for this mining operation on July 20, 2001. We would appreciate receiving your response by this date. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Please call me at 801-538-5325 or Susan White at 801-538-5258 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Derris Jones, DWR
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