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Re: Determination of Administrative Completeness
New permit Application, Lila Canyon Extension,
UtahAmerican Energy Inc., Horse Canyon Mine
C/007/013-PM02B

Dear Mary Ann,

I am writing in regards to the recent decision by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to consider a mining permit which would allow UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. to add the Lila Canyon Extension to its existing Horse Canyon Mine.

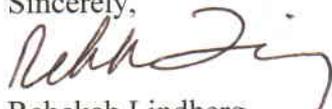
Lila Canyon is a place that I have visited on several occasions and feel very strongly about its preservation. It is currently listed as proposed wilderness and I am in hopes that someday the area will be protected, but since it is not currently under any protection, I can only hope that you will listen to the voice of citizens like me and offer it the protection it deserves.

By allowing mining permits in this area, the impact would be devastating. Lila Canyon has several seeps and springs which are critical year round for wildlife habitat. If mining is allowed it could damage or de-water these springs; thus, devastating the wildlife in that area.

Furthermore, just last year, when UtahAmerican then applied for a mining permit to Lila Canyon, a decision by the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining overturned the decision to give UtahAmerican a mining permit. The reason that they were not allowed a mining permit was because UtahAmerican's Energy's application did not address important geologic, hydrologic and biological factors. I have not seen any proof yet, that the company has addressed these factors in their new application and even if they have, after failing SIX different times on their last permit attempt to come up with an acceptable analysis for a mining plan, I have grave doubts now that they would in any way uphold the environmental standards that are necessary for a permit to be given or do anything to reduce the impacts of mining on the land.

Again I hope that you will take into account, not only the scientific data which shows that mining under the surface would be harmful to the wildlife in this area, but take into account the human factor also, the fact that many citizens like myself enjoy this area and the pristine state that it is in. Allowing mining in this area, I feel, is an encroachment on the public's right to enjoy public land.

Sincerely,


Rebekah Lindberg