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RE: Agency Notification of Administrative Completeness, New Permit Application, Lila Canyon Extension, Utah American Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine, C/007/013-PM02B, Outgoing Folder

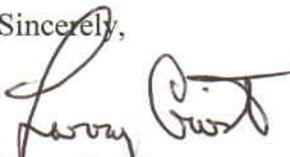
Dear Ms. Wright:

This responds to your letter of February 25, 2002 regarding the subject project. We understand that the permit for the proposed new surface facilities has been revoked by the board, so will confine our comments to the mine extension.

Our staff has been working with representatives from the proponent to resolve questions regarding raptors, in particular the federally threatened Mexican spotted owl (MSO). We recommend that surveys for the MSO be conducted if risk of subsidence exists in areas identified as potential habitat by maps provided by our office and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR).

If you need further assistance, please contact Diana Whittington, Ecologist, at the letterhead address or (801) 975-3330 ext. 128

Sincerely,

*for*   
Henry R. Maddux  
Utah Field Supervisor

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