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Re: New Permit Application, Lila Canyon Extension, UtahAmerican Energy Inc., Horse Canyon Mine C/007/013-PM02B

Dear Ms. Wright

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to your division for recognizing the critical biological, geological, and hydrological resources of the Lila Canyon area, and also for recognizing the large deficiencies in UtahAmerican Energy Inc.'s application to mine coal in the region.

UtahAmerican Energy Inc.'s application to mine in this area is offensive and inappropriate in the first place because the land in question is proposed wilderness land and should therefore not even be considered for mining since it is worth more to the American people in its natural state.

But to add insult to injury, UtahAmerican Energy Inc. did not even comply with federal regulations regarding completing a thorough and objective analysis of the impacts such mining could have on the land and its plant and animal life. And now UtahAmerican Energy Inc. is applying for a permit once again without having completed this analysis! Your division should not have to even consider more applications until the UtahAmerican Energy Inc. has collected adequate biological information and a minimum of two years of baseline hydrological data for all surface and underground water sources throughout the entire permit area, including the Range Creek drainage.

Thank you once again for putting the interests of all the American people ahead of the short-term profits of the few by complying with important federal land management guidelines and not giving in to the current political climate. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

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