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RE: New Permit Application, Lila Canyon Extension, UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.,
Horse Canyon Min C/004/013-Pmo2B

Dear Ms. Wright,

I wish to thank you for your recognition of environmental issues related to the coal mining operation in the Lila Canyon area proposed by UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. As you know, the area in question has been recommended for wilderness designation, so a mining operation there would be inappropriate and illegal. Even if wilderness designation were not forthcoming, there are obvious geological, hydrological, and ecological consequences to be carefully considered before any application for a mining operation were approved.

As a native Utahan and frequent visitor to the wildlands of the Colorado Plateau, I again wish to thank you for your consideration and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

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