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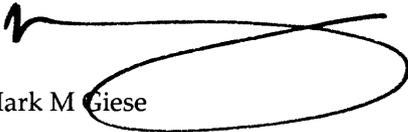
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Dear Ms. Wright:

Thank you for recognizing the important geologic, hydrologic, and biologic resources of the Lila Canyon area, and the deficiencies of Utah American Energy's application. The Division should not even bother considering future application submittals until the company 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. The area in question is proposed for wilderness designation and is therefore inappropriate for mining development in the first place. Recognizing this simple fact could save the Division a lot of time and trouble in the long run.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Mark M Giese

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