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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 UtahAmericanEnergy's application.

We urge you to not even bother considering future application submittals from this company until it 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.

As a reminder, the area in question is proposed for wilderness designation and is therefore inappropriate for mining in the first place. Recognizing this simple fact could save the Division a lot of time and trouble in the long run.

Although we do not live in Utah, we are property owners who care a great deal about the precious natural wonders in this beautiful state. Energy companies and others who would seek to exploit and ultimately destroy them for profit must not be allowed to gain a foothold. Once these areas are destroyed, they are gone forever.

Thank you again for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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