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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 am writing to commend your agency for its recent actions in denying the Lila Canyon application.

I am not certain about the specific legal issues in this case but I am familiar with the area and find it hard to imagine it being an appropriate site for a mine. Water issues alone would seem to preclude this possibility as would the fact that this is part of the proposed Desolation Canyon wilderness.

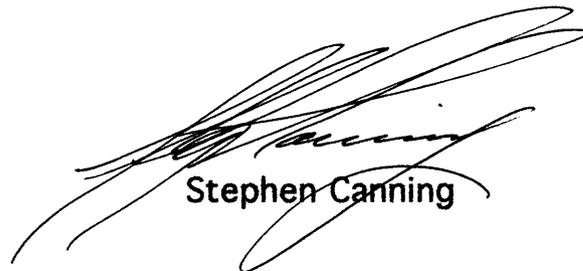
I trust that your agency will continue to follow appropriate guidelines and applicable laws regarding any future applications. I urge you and your agency to also consider the fragile beauty of the public lands which would be impacted by any mine in the area.

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Sincerely,

  
Stephen Canning