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Dear Ms. Wright: RE: New Permit Application, Lila Canyon Extension,
UtahAmerican Energy, Horse Canyon Mine C/007/013-PM02B

I am writing belatedly to thank the Division for recognizing the important geologic, hydrologic, and biologic resources of Lila Canyon, and the deficiencies in the UtahAmerican Energy application.

After the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining overturned a decision to approve the Lila Canyon extension on the grounds that the application did not adequately address impacts on these resources, UtahAmerican simply turned around and submitted another mine application to the Division which still lacked the analysis of geologic, hydrologic, and biologic issues which the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining found necessary to an application which might be approved. I surmise from this behavior that UtahAmerican thought they could politically steamroll their application through. I am gratified that they were wrong, and that the Division staff turned down this deficient application because it lacked the necessary analysis of environmental impacts and how these might be mitigated (or more likely in this case, how these impacts could not be mitigated enough to justify the mine extension).

Sincerely yours,

Richard Lance Christie

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