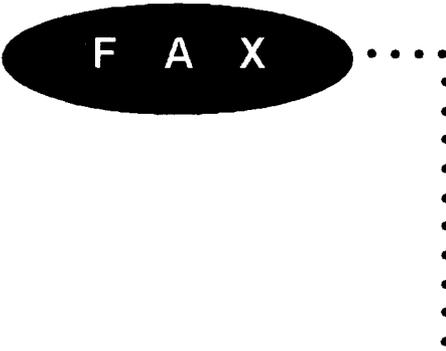


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Mary Ann Wright,
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Dear Ms. Wright,

I would like to thank you for recognizing the important resources of the Lila Canyon area, and the deficiencies of UtahAmerican Energy's coal mining application.

You should not even consider future applications until the company has collected adequate biological and hydrological data for the entire permit area, including the range creek area. The Lila Canyon area has been proposed for wilderness designation and is therefore inappropriate for mining development in the first place. Recognizing this fact could save the Division a lot of time and trouble in the long run.

Sincerely,

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