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RE: Technical Field Visit, Plant Species, UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., Horse/Lila Canyon, C/007/013

**Other Attendees:** None.

**Date & Time:** May 11, 2000, 2:15-3:15 p.m.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the field visit was to look for Despain footcactus.

**OBSERVATIONS:**

The Despain footcactus should be blooming about this time of year, and I wanted to personally look to see if I could find it at this site. I did not find it and now believe the habitat is not right for this species.

I was very impressed during this visit with the amount of cryptogamic crusts on the soil. The most recent vegetation report documents the amount of cover from cryptogams.

**RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS:**

At the Horse Canyon Mine a few miles away, cryptogams have begun to establish only about nine years following reclamation, so I assume the same can happen at Lila Canyon. I do not expect to require any extraordinary efforts to try to reestablish them.