


TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

FROM: Joe Helfrich 

RE: BLM EA Wildlife Mitigation Plan, Utah American Energy Inc., Lila Canyon, C/007/0013

SUMMARY:

The BLM EA and MRP for the Lila Canyon facility set forth requirements for a mitigation plan for Golden Eagles and Bighorn sheep. The plan is to be incorporated into chapter three of the MRP as Appendices. The information has been submitted as part of the 2009 annual report. This memo will include a review of that information.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

GENERAL CONTENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

FISH AND WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 784.21, 817.97; R645-301-322, -301-333, -301-342, -301-358.

Analysis:

Protection and Enhancement Plan

The Mitigation plan includes the installation of two guzzlers and description and methodology for the mechanical treatment of 93 acres of pinyon juniper. This will provide a start for wildlife species in the area with the focus on Bighorn Sheep and Golden Eagles. A timeline for implementation by October 15th of 2011 is also provided. Responsibilities for the BLM, DWR and UEI are set forth in the plan.

Findings:

The information in the application is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The application is recommended for approval pending receipt of clean copies.