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April 2, 1980

Mr. Bob Shields  
Area Manager  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
1311 Federal Building  
125 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

Attn: Clark Johnson

RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company  
ACT/007/016

Dear Mr. Shields:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining hereby requests a consultation with your agency for the nature and level of detail of fish and wildlife resources information to be provided by Beaver Creek Coal Company for its permanent permit application pursuant to UMC 783.20 of the Utah Coal Mining Regulations.

The Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine portals are located in Bryner Canyon, approximately 13 miles NW of Price, Utah. Production in the No. 2 Mine started in late 1969. The projected mine life is 20 years. There are approximately 9.18 acres of surface disturbance. The surface facilities consist of a bathhouse, a storage trailer, and coal loadout facilities.

The general area of mining is in the NE part of the Wasatch Plateau in the Black Hawk formation of the Mesa Verde group. The No. 2 Mine is in the Castle Gate "A" (upper) seam. Reserves some 150 feet below, in the lower Hiawatha seam are projected to be reached with rock slopes, using existing portals.

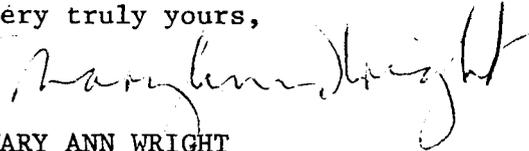
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Vegetation varies with slope aspect and elevation. The north facing slopes and higher elevations are composed mostly of aspen and douglas fir. The south facing slopes and lower elevations are covered mainly with grasses and brush. Dominant land use now as in the past is mining.

Ownership of the surface is fee. Ownership of the coal is fee and federal. Enclosed is the legal description of the mine site.

The Division would appreciate your review within 30 days if possible. Thank you for your input.

Very truly yours,



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RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST

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cc: Office of Surface Mining