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Ms. Diane R. Nielson, Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Attn: Steve Cox

Dear Ms. Nielson

Wildlife Resources Division representatives have recently met with biologists from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, the Bureau of Land Management, and Beaver Creek Coal Company concerning the two big game crossings that are to be developed in association with the road and conveyor belt from the Gordon Creek #2 Mine. It was determined that two crossing designs would be tested. The uppermost crossing, which involves a solid mono-typic stand of oak brush, will utilize a steep-sloped staircase (not to exceed 80%) that would be approximately 50 feet wide, extending to the north from the conveyor belt. The second crossing would involve a system of three trails (none of which are to exceed 80% slope) extending north from the conveyor and intercepting an aspen grove area.

Design for each crossing was prepared by Beaver Creek Coal Company and has been approved by the Division. The designs will be forwarded to you as soon as we receive them from Beaver Creek Coal Company. We recommend that these two crossings, as described, be utilized. It is hoped that this technique will facilitate the crossing of deer and elk, but, as you know, these designs have never been tested.

Your division's assistance has been appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Douglas F. Day, Director
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