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900 North 700 East  
Price, Utah 84501

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Lowell Braxton  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
355 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Mr. Braxton:

In a letter dated October 23, 1990, we gave you our comments regarding the proposed installation of a large culvert in Soldier Creek by the Soldier Creek Coal Company. Our main concern was the lack of mitigation by Soldier Creek Coal Company for the proposed removal of 0.41 acre of riparian habitat.

We have discussed this matter with Soldier Creek Coal Company. The mine was a participant in a major deer mitigation project we completed in the fall of 1989. They have disturbed less than 2.0 acres as a result of their current project and have completed mitigation for over 20 acres which has not been disturbed. We feel that Soldier Creek Coal has completed sufficient mitigation work for what will be lost as a result of their culvert extension project.

On future projects it is our desire to have losses in valuable riparian habitat mitigated through enhancement of other riparian areas.

We will be discussing the installation of a concrete diversion structure with Soldier Creek Coal Company as a separate issue. As an environmentally conscious company we are sure that this problem can be worked out.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Mackiewicz of my staff at 637-4584.

Sincerely yours,

*Mark E. Bailey*  
Area Manager

cc. Soldier Creek Coal Company