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Attn: Susan Linner

Dear Dianne:

The Division has evaluated Soldier Creek Coal Company's plans to drill five exploration holes immediately east of their existing mine facility. The most distant hole is just slightly over 1,000 feet from their facility, thus concerns for nesting raptors is negated. It is recommended that the access road to the drill holes be closed and revegetated along with the drill sites at the time drilling is completed.

Thank you for an opportunity to review the MRP and provide comment.

Sincerely,

William H. Geer
 Director